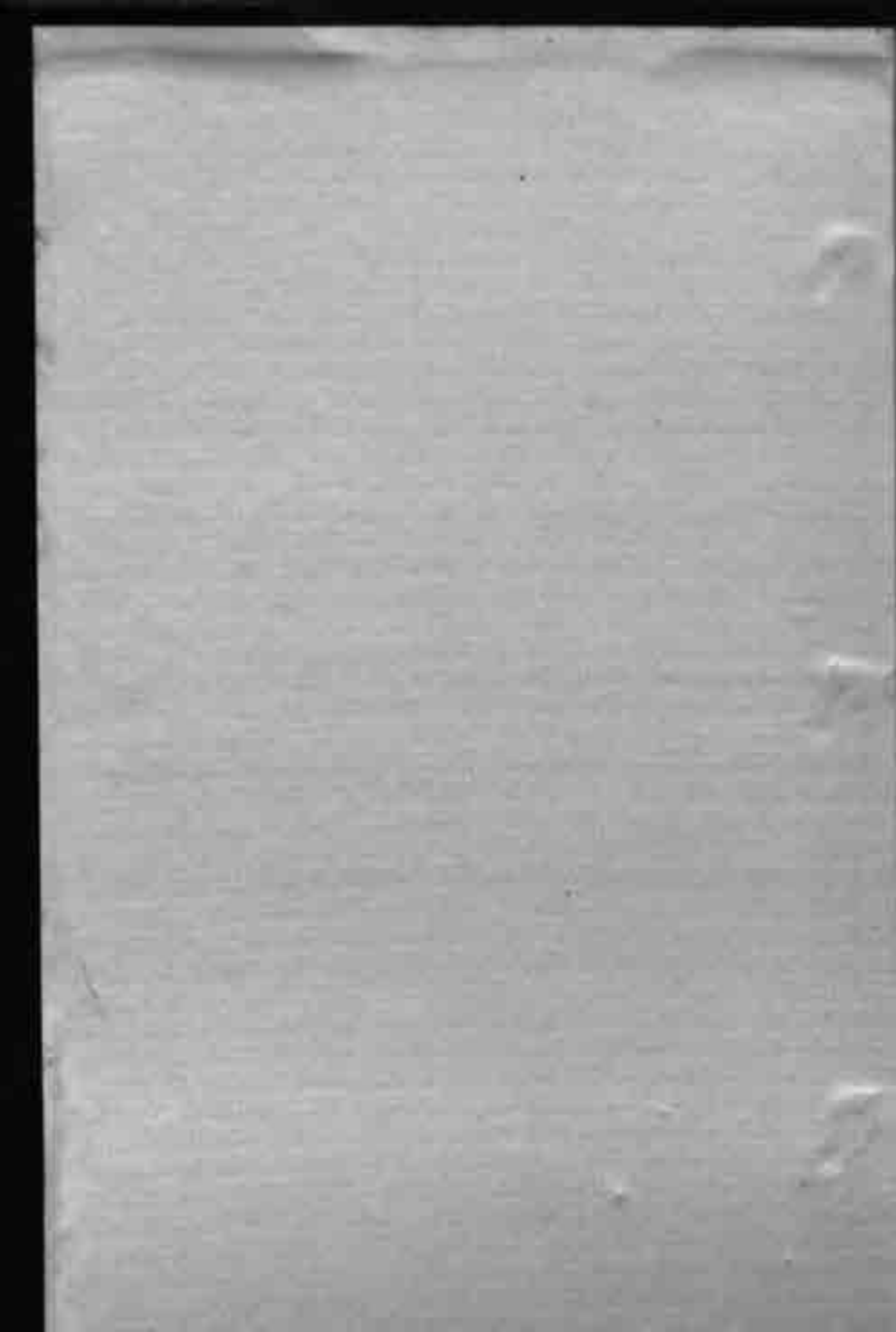










*Report No. 195.**7th January, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD.

A Special Meeting of the Board, sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board, was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 7th day of January, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives:—Alderman Dr. Cormac Breathnach, T.D.; Councillors: Mrs Catherine Byrne; Bernard Conway; Peadar Cowan, T.D.; Gilbert Hughes; Richard C. Keane; Denis Larkin; Timothy J. Murray, P.C.; Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.; Messrs. William Chase; Denis Finn, B.L.; John Jones; Richard Lawless; Thomas O'Reilly; John Smithers; Mrs. Cecelia Keeble, and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives:—Councillors James Andrews; Joseph Dignam, P.C.; Sean Dunne, T.D.; Sean Taggart, and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives:—Councillors William Lawless; Patrick McCarthy, and James O'Neill.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Mrs. O'Shea Leamy.

The anticipated increased expenditure under the first four heads can be attributed in large measure to the increase in the average number of patients resident—during the seven months ended 31st October, 1953, the Board maintained, on average, 121 patients more than the figure for the corresponding period in 1952, on which the original estimate was based. In this connection it is important to note that the average patient population has increased from 3,290 in 1944/45 (the last year of the war) to 3,732 in the present year, i.e. an increase of 442 patients. As regards *Food, Drink and Tobacco*, the revised estimate is affected also by increases in the contract prices for Butter, Eggs, Beef, Mutton, Flour and Sugar; *Farm expenses* by the increased cost of livestock.

The anticipated increase of £2,250 under the head of *Salaries and Wages* is a very small percentage of the original amount estimated, viz. £264,250, and it is due to more precise estimation on the basis of the actual expenditure during the current year to date.

It will be necessary to draw part of the Loan of £50,000 recently authorised by the Board for the reconstruction of the Temporary Buildings at Grangegorm and two staff houses at Portrane. Provision for this loan was not made in the current year's estimates because the conversion scheme had not then been contemplated.

I would ask the Board to authorise, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the expenditure of a sum of £25,250 in excess of the amounts already authorised for the purposes set out above.

ESTIMATE FOR COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, 1954-55.

4. The nett increase in the estimated expenditure for the coming year is £43,150. There are estimated increases under nine heads amounting to £52,150 but there are estimated

decreases under four heads amounting to £9,000. The following are the principal heads under which increases appear :—

FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO.

Having taken into account the factors mentioned in Paragraph 3 above, it is expected that the sum of £141,000 should be sufficient to meet requirements for the coming financial year provided there is no upward trend in prices or any further substantial increase in the number of patients resident.

FARM EXPENSES

The figure of £81,200 under this head is based on a detailed estimate made by the Agricultural Manager of probable requirements at current prices and wage rates. As recommended by the Agricultural Committee at its meeting on 22nd October last, a sum of £1,000 has been included for the purchase of a combined harvester.

MEDICINES—MEDICAL APPLIANCES

Reductions of £1,000 and £500 under these two heads are possible because of the fact that withdrawals for current use are being made from Reserve Stocks.

HEATING, LIGHTING AND WATER SUPPLY.

The expenditure on fuel during the current year is expected to be less than was originally estimated and it appears reasonable, on the basis of current prices, to reduce the provision for next year by £6,000.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING—FURNITURE, Etc.

Increased provision, to the extent of £3,000 and £2,500 respectively, has been made under these two heads for the equipment of the new units at Portrane which may be ready for occupation before the end of the coming financial year. It is difficult to estimate precisely the amounts required for this purpose at this stage.

SALARIES AND WAGES.

The increase of £5,250 under this head includes for the increased cost of Social Insurance and a token sum to cover the cost of certification fees for which the Board will become liable when Section 71 Sub-Sections (9) and (10) of the Health Act, 1953 come into operation. In Paragraph 3 above I referred to the increase in the *average* patient population. The increase in the number of *admissions* (from 460 in 1945 to 1,334 in 1953) involves additional expenditure on surgical and medical treatment by visiting doctors. The provision under this head for the coming year is £4,500.

Under Sub-Sections (4), (5) and (6) of the same Section, the Board will become liable for the reasonable expenses of conveying chargeable patients to its hospitals but it is impossible at this stage to estimate the probable cost in the coming financial year and no special provision has been made for it.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Expenditure under this head shows a consistent increase from year to year which can be attributed to a considerable extent to increased charges for newspapers, postage, telephones, telegrams and to increases liability for Staff Hospital charges, travelling expenses, etc. The Chief R.M.S. has recommended the purchase of a 16 m.m. cinematograph apparatus for the entertainment of patients who are unable to attend the regular cinema performances and an additional sum of £500 has been included for this purpose.

LOAN CHARGES.

The Board has in hands and in contemplation a number of building and engineering schemes which may be completed in whole or in part during the coming year and it will be necessary to borrow considerable sums to defray the cost. It is difficult to estimate the exact amounts to be raised by

loan during the year but I consider it prudent to provide a sum of not less than £32,000 for loan charges, which is based on the Architect's estimate of the progress and extent of the work which will be completed in this period.

STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.

Details of the proposed expenditure under this head appear in Table 7 of Report No. 194. The amounts provided for painting have been increased from £1,500 to £3,000 for Grangegorman and from £1,170 to £2,280 for Portrane, as compared with the current year. The members of the Special Building Committee have examined the draft lists of works and have recommended that the provision for painting at Grangegorman be increased further to £5,000.

APPORTIONMENT OF DEMAND.

5. The method of apportioning the expenses between the contributing authorities is explained in Table 6 of Report No. 194 and the actual apportionment is shown in Table 5. On the basis of the number of chargeable patients from each area as estimated for 1953-54, the total net requirement has been apportioned as set out in Column 4 of Table B of the official Estimate and Demand. After deduction of estimated receipts in respect of paying patients from each area and allowing for estimated debit and credit balances at 31st March, 1954, the net sums to be demanded, if the estimates as submitted are approved, will be as follows:—

	1954/55	Last year
Corporation of Dublin (an increase of £38,341)	£503,688	£465,347
County of Dublin (a decrease of £12,142)	£77,115	£89,257
County of Wicklow (an increase of £2,490)	£57,875	£55,385

On 1st April, 1953, a considerable area in County Dublin was transferred to Dublin City with the result that 49 patients, formerly charged to County Dublin, became a charge on the City. This transfer had the effect of increasing the proportion of expenses payable by Dublin City and reducing the proportion payable by County Dublin and accounts for the estimated debit balance of £639 against Dublin City at the 31st March, 1954, as well as the considerable estimated credit balance of £10,418 in favour of County Dublin. For the same reason, although the proposed net demand for 1954-55 is increased by £28,689 only, the increase in the case of Dublin City is £38,341, while there is a reduction of £12,142 in the amount to be demanded from County Dublin.

The average number of patients from County Wicklow has increased slightly but not in proportion to the increase in the total number of chargeable patients. Consequently, a slightly smaller proportion of the total net expenses is payable by County Wicklow and the net increase in the demand is £2,490.

6. All the figures in the foregoing report have been certified to me by the Chief Clerk and the Accountant. The estimate has been approved already by the City and County Manager and I recommend it for adoption by the Board.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City and County Manager.

7th January, 1954.

The draft estimate and the Manager's Report thereon were discussed in detail.

Arising out of Paragraph 3 of the Manager's Report, Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Richard Keane seconded :—

" We recommend that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Manager be authorised to incur liabilities to the extent of £25,250 in excess of the expenditure already authorised for the current financial year 1953-54 for the purposes set out in Paragraph 3 of his report of this date."

Passed unanimously.

Following a discussion of the report of the Special Building Committee on their examination of the draft list of special works to be carried out during 1954-55, Mr. John Jones proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded :—

" We recommend that the provision for painting works at Grangegorman be increased by £2,000."

The resolution was put to the meeting and was declared carried by 14 votes to 4 against.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, and seconded by Councillor James Andrews, was adopted unanimously :—

" That, having carefully examined the estimate of probable balances at 31st March, 1954, and the various estimates of Receipts and Expenditure as set out in detail in Report No. 194 and having considered the Manager's Report thereon, we recommend to the Board that the Manager's

Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing financial year 1954-55 be increased by £2,000 and that the Estimate as so amended be approved and adopted, and that the Chairman and the Chief Clerk be authorised to sign the formal demands on the contributing Councils for the following amounts:—

Corporation of Dublin ...	£505,229
County Council of Dublin	£77,389
County Council of Wicklow	£58,060
	£640,678

It was unanimously agreed to forward a copy of the Manager's Report and particulars of the Committee's recommendations to the public press.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 196.

14th January, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The statutory Estimates Meeting of the Board and the ordinary stated monthly meeting were held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 14th day of January, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Aldermen Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D. (Lord Mayor), Thomas Byrne, T.D., P.C., Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, T.D., Richard C. Keane, Anthony Lalor, Denis Larkin, Messrs. William Chase, Denis Finn, B.L., John Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecilia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Joseph Dignam, P.C., Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and James O'Neill.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors W. J. Colman, P.C. and T. J. Murray, P.C. and Mr. John Cahill.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No 193 of the 17th December, 1953 were confirmed and signed

A return of the state of the Hospital from 17th December, 1953 to 13th January, 1954, as under, were submitted and signed :—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 17th December, 1953 ...	1735	2045	3780
Admitted to 13th January, 1954 ...	39	36	75
Total ...	1774	2081	3855
Males Females Total			
Discharged to 13th Jan., 1954	48	38	86
Died to do.	8	15	23
Escaped to do.	1	—	1
	57	53	110
Remaining on Hospital Register on 13th January, 1954 ...	1717	2028	3745
Absent on trial and escape on 13th January, 1954 ...	5	19	24
Number actually resident on 14th January, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book ...	1712	2009	3721

DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital ...	856	1230	2086
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	856	779	1635
Total number resident as above ...	1712	2009	3721

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2826
County of Dublin	...	...	496
County Wicklow	...	...	337
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	48
Non-district patients	...	...	14
TOTAL			3721

ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR 1954-55.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Richard Keane seconded the adoption of Report No. 195 of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board held on the 7th January, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Sean Dunne seconded: "That the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1955, amounting to a net total of £690,920 as set out in Table A of the official Estimate and Demand now submitted, be amended by the addition of £2,000 and that the Estimate, as so amended, be approved and adopted, and that the Board determines the following to be the amounts to be demanded from the contributing Councils, viz. :-

Corporation of Dublin	...	£505,229
County Council of Dublin	£	77,389
County Council of Wicklow	£	58,000
		£640,678

and authorises the Chairman and the Chief Clerk to sign the demands on the contributing Councils for these amounts."

Passed unanimously.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

22nd December, 1953.

In accordance with the decision of the Board at its meeting held on December 17th, the members of the Special Building Committee inspected Portrane House, on Tuesday, December 22nd.

There were present :—

Councillors Mrs. Nix, J. Andrews, W. J. Colman, Messrs. J. Smithers, W. Chase, J. Jones, T. O'Reilly, J. Cahill and E. Timmons; Dr. John Dunne, Chief R.M.S., Dr. Hegarty, Acting R.M.S., Portrane, Mr. Chalmers, Engineer, Mr. V. Kelly and Mr. T. Inglis, Architects.

Subsequently the Committee met and discussed with the Architects, Mr. Vincent Kelly and Mr. T. Inglis, and Dr. John Dunne, Chief R.M.S., the condition in which we found the building and after fully considering the views expressed we formed the opinion :—

- (i) That the cost of conversion was unduly high in relation to the accommodation provided.
- (ii) That, in any event, it would be unwise to proceed with the scheme of conversion in view of the possibility that dry rot might re-appear.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor James Andrews, the following resolution was adopted unanimously :—

" We recommend the abandonment of the scheme for the conversion of Portrane House and the substitution thereof of a new building on the site to provide for 75 beds."

(Signed) E. TIMMONS (Chairman).

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Sean Dunne seconded "That the recommendation to discontinue the reconstruction of Portrane House be approved and the question of the utilisation of the site be referred back to the Special Building Committee for further examination."

Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

5th January, 1954.

1. We inspected General Stores, accompanied by Mr. Murphy, Storekeeper. Items of clothing were in good supply and good quality. We would recommend that sheets, blankets, towels and delph should have special crest and stripes for each division, separating males from females by special colours. This would be very helpful in the laundry and also for condemning purposes. The system of marking at the moment is appalling and could lead to abuse. The extra cost of having this done would pay in the end. Parts of the floor, which is worm-eaten, require repair and may become dangerous.

2. We inspected the butcher's stores. Beef and mutton were in good supply; the stores were clean and tidy.

3. No. 22 Visiting Hall is newly painted and looks very well. The place was decorated for Christmas. In No. 22 admission ward the patients were comfortable, clean and tidy. The ward was well heated; the decorations looked well. In No. 22 ward, upstairs, we chatted with the patients; there were no complaints. It was nicely decorated for Christmas. In No. 22 T.B. ward there were ten patients in

bed who appeared warm and comfortable. The beds were well kept. The ward temperature was 60°. There were no complaints. The bathroom off No. 22 ward was clean and tidy. In No. 22A, St. Joseph's Ward, the beds and patients were well kept and the patients comfortable. In No. 22A, St. Mark's Ward, the beds and patients were well looked after. The wireless playing made the patients very happy. In No. 22A, St. Clare's, were mostly private patients. The ward was clean and tidy and beautifully decorated. Dinner was in preparation. All the above wards are very congested. When the overcrowding can be relieved it will add much to the patients' comfort.

4. In St. Anne's ward ten patients had received insulin treatment in the morning. They were very comfortable, sitting and chatting around a nice fire. The ward was decorated and there was a Christmas tree with many presents. There were no complaints. The Committee chatted with the patients.

5. We visited the female kitchens where the patients were scrubbing tables and floors after dinner. The kitchen is in a bad way for painting. One of the steam presses had an escape of steam, caused by the rubber being worn out. The nurse in charge reported the matter to the Engineer's Dept. but nothing was done about it. Apart from waste, it was dangerous.

6. We visited the Female dining hall. Nos. 14, 15 and 19 divisions were at dinner. Some of the patients were troublesome and noisy; otherwise they were well looked after.

7. In No. 14 division, suicidal and violent patients were in the corridor which was nicely decorated, clean, tidy and well heated. A Christmas tree was in the ward. We chatted with patients and found no complaints.

8. After lunch, accompanied by Dr. E. O'Sullivan, we visited No. 1 male refractory division. The patients were noisy and the division was very overcrowded with 118 patients and 8 nurses. At No. 3 division we got as far as the door. We could see this division was also overcrowded.

9. We inspected No. 7 dayroom where there were 113 patients. Some were playing billiards, others reading or listening to the wireless. The dayroom was decorated for Christmas. There were no complaints. The visiting members would recommend more outdoor recreation for the patients who are fit to be taken out.

10. In No. 5 male hospital the four wards were well kept. The beds and patients are a credit to the staff. A stove in one of the wards, which has not been used for 30 years and serves no useful purpose, could be removed. It takes up valuable space. All wards are centrally heated. The decorations for Christmas looked very well. No. 5 T.B. ward and kitchen were very clean and tidy. The wireless was on. The bed patients were comfortable. Ward temperature was 60°.

11. We visited the operating theatre which was very clean. The staff apparently are kept very busy with the many patients for surgical treatment carried out with efficiency and care. The corridor leading to No. 5 ward requires decorating.

12. We inspected the new patients' visiting hall, also the male therapy section. The patients were working and seemed satisfied. The new heating system in the Therapy rooms only heats in parts. The spaces where the heat does not reach are quite cold for patients to work in.

13. The Committee recommends an extension to the shed for repairing beds. At present only one bed for repair or painting will fit, and not with any comfort. There is ample space for an extension.

The Committee thanks sincerely Dr. E. O'Brien, Dr. E. O'Sullivan and Miss Hughes, Acting Deputy Matron, for their kind co-operation on our morning and afternoon inspections.

E. TIMMONS.
CECILIA KEEBLE.
JAMES ANDREWS.
JOHN CAHILL.

Order: Consideration deferred to next meeting.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

22nd December, 1953.

1. On Tuesday, December 22nd, with Dr. Hegarty, Acting Branch R.M.S., Portrane, and Mr. Chalmers, Chief Engineer, we visited No. 10 division. Formerly used as an Isolation Hospital, the building now accommodates 59 female patients, including two young children. Most of them are bed patients and all appeared to be well cared for. Some of them were assisting with the putting up of Christmas decorations in the wards.

2. With Miss Ennis, the Charge Nurse, we discussed the arrangements for fuelling the boiler and two fires which heat the wards. Dr. Hegarty agreed to arrange for the provision of a suitable male patient to service the boiler and fires so as to

relieve nurses of this work. The projected extension of central heating to this division contained in the scheme prepared by Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, and adopted by the Board, will of course eliminate the need for this.

3. In the wards we found the temperature 60 degrees, which is quite comfortable. One of the fireplaces could be better protected by wire mesh. In the nurses' rooms we saw electric heaters so there is no reason why they should suffer any discomfort on this ground.

4. In regard to the kitchen equipment, we recommend the provision of wire cages for holding vegetables in the boilers which we found efficient for their purpose. The existing trough could be replaced with advantage by a modern sink and draining boards. We were informed that nurses prefer to take their meals in the kitchen and we recommend the provision of a collapsible table adjacent to the electric cooker for this purpose. The provision of light in the pantry and vegetable store would facilitate those who have occasion to use them after dark. We recommend the covering in of the passage between the kitchen and pantry stair.

5. We saw the newly completed Annexe to provide for an additional 18 patients and established that the sanitary conveniences are situated 30 feet from it. No doubt the existing sanitary accommodation would be inadequate for the total number of patients in the division, if it were not for the fact that the great majority of them are bed-ridden.

6. We observed that foundations have been laid for the re-surfacing of the paths at the rear of the building and when

this work is completed it should be a considerable improvement. We were informed that Mr. Chalmers was considering a suggestion made by Dr. Hegarty for improved drainage in the vicinity of the building.

We wish to thank Dr. Hegarty, Mr. Chalmers and Miss Ennis for their kind co-operation during the course of our inspection.

KATHLEEN NIX.

W. CHASE.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

Order: Consideration deferred to next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 18th February, 1954, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

" Anthony Lalor.

Mr. William Chase.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Richard Keane.

Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

14th January, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 11th instant 3724 patients, viz. :—

		Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	...	861	1228	2089
In Portrane	...	855	780	1635
TOTAL	...	1716	2008	3724

as compared with :—

11th January, 1953	...	1644	1981	3625
11th January, 1952	...	1593	1929	3522
11th January, 1951	...	1591	1939	3530
11th January, 1950	...	1585	1911	3496

this year's number being 99 more than on the corresponding date in 1953 and 248 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. Since 13th ultimo 44 male and 36 female patients were admitted, total 80. Seventy-eight of these were chargeable patients, of whom 41 were temporary, 18 voluntary and 19 were Persons of Unsound Mind. One private voluntary patient was admitted and one temporary patient was received for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

4. On the 11th ultimo I reported that female patient B.K. (28220) had a petit mal attack on the 16th November and fell to the floor sustaining a fracture of the right heel bone. I regret to say that the patient died on the 10th January. The Coroner was notified but did not deem an inquest necessary. The cause of death was certified to be broncho-pneumonia.

5. I have received from the Department of Health the Minister's findings on the Inquiry on Oath held at Portrane on the 27th October last into the circumstances surrounding the death of the patient A.L. (30) on the 7th October, 1953.

Having reviewed the evidence, the Department's letter goes on to state :—

(1) The Minister considers that, while the nurse who was bathing the patient at the time of her death was not guilty of malice or cruelty, she contributed to the unfortunate accident by her negligence in not taking the bath temperature with a thermometer as required by the regulations, in failing to turn off the hot tap of the mixing tank and in her failure to turn off the bath valve or at least to turn this valve off fully. The Minister cannot but take a grave view of the nurse's negligence but, on full consideration, he has decided to terminate her suspension and give her another chance to render satisfactory and efficient service. The Minister has made an order terminating the suspension from the 11th January and directed that two-thirds of the nurse's remuneration during the period of her suspension be forfeited. The Minister directs that the nurse should be warned as to the manner in which she performs her duties in future.

(2) The Minister is also satisfied that the system of mixing water for baths is an antiquated one and steps should be taken to substitute for it a safer system.

(3) From the evidence taken at the Inquiry it appears that, while nurses have been instructed regarding the taking of bath temperatures by means of a thermometer the Minister is not satisfied that the instruction is strictly observed, and he directs that the necessary steps should be taken to ensure that in future there is strict adherence to the relevant regulation.

(4) The Minister is also concerned with the failure of the Matron to go immediately to the bathroom on learning of the occurrence and he has directed that she be informed that the reasons given by her for not doing so are not convincing.

The nurse in question resumed duty on the 11th instant and the other directions given by the Minister will be carried out. I have requested the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to have all members of the nursing staff instructed again about the taking of bath temperatures and to arrange that the supervisory nurses and charge nurses will ensure that the relevant regulation is adhered to strictly.

I have instructed the Chief Engineer at Portrane to submit a report immediately as to the steps to be taken to improve bathing arrangements at Portrane, and the Clerk of Works to report on the bathing arrangements at Grangegorman.

The original letter from the Department and a copy of the minutes of the evidence taken at the Inquiry are submitted.

5. Male patient J. C. (6301) was missed from Grangegormian at supper time on the 21st December. He was brought back from his home on the same evening. On the 31st December he was allowed to go to the patients' dance and escaped on the way back to his division. He was recaptured at his home the next day. The Chief B.M.S. has investigated the circumstances of these escapes and is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff.

Male patient W. H. (6443) failed to return off pass on the 3rd instant. He returned of his own accord on the 4th.

6. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegormian).*—On the 22nd December female patient R. R. (39616) was pushed to the floor by another patient and sustained an impacted fracture of the left femoral neck.

On the 31st ultimo, female patient C. S. (37511) slipped from the edge of a bed and fell to the floor, sustaining a right intertrochanteric fracture.

Both cases are progressing favourably to date, and the accidents have been reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane have been reported since the last meeting of the Board.

7. Male patient D. G. (6587) on admission to Grangegormian on 7th ultimo had a lacerated wound on his right palm with nerve and tendon injury. He was treated by a Visiting Surgeon.

Male patient S. O'K. (6639) on admission to Grangegormian on 22nd ultimo had a self inflicted wound in his neck which had been treated in a City hospital prior to admission.

Both patients are progressing satisfactorily to date.

8. *Accidents to Staff (Grangeegorman).*—Male Nurse J. G. was off duty on the 7th December as a result of a kick received when separating two patients who were fighting. The same nurse received wounds on his left hand while preventing a patient from injuring himself. The patient had grabbed a cup and broken it in his hands. The nurse's hand was dressed but he was not off duty as a result of the accident.

Female Attendant U. G. was off duty on the 9th and 10th December, having been scalded on the right arm.

Temporary Attendant K. M. slipped on the stairs when on duty on the 3rd instant and was off duty for two days.

Other injuries to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

9. *Accidents to Staff (Portrane).*—Deputy Charge Nurse M. W. was kicked on the neck by a patient on the 21st ultimo and was off duty for one day.

Male Nurse P. McL. has been off duty since the 26th ultimo with a gunshot wound in the left hand sustained while off duty.

Female Attendant E. L. was caught by the hair and pulled to the ground by a patient on the 26th December. She received a strain of the neck muscles and has been off duty since the 28th December.

Other accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

J. K., farm worker, on the 22nd December received an injury to his eye when he fell over a cart at Turvey Farmyard. He received treatment and resumed work on the 23rd December.

W. T., farm worker, on the 21st December was reported to have injured himself while unloading potatoes at Grangegorman. He has been off duty since that date.

P. F., temporary farm worker, on the 28th December was kicked by a cow. He was medically examined and continued at work.

R. McA., a temporary labourer on the engineering staff, reported that he sustained an injury to his foot when on duty on the 30th November and he is certified to be incapacitated since that date.

10. Dr. D. J. Hegarty, who was Acting R.M.S. in Portrane, has been absent on sick leave since the 26th December. Dr. D. J. O'Sullivan was transferred to Portrane as Acting Branch R.M.S. on the same day.

11. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, Grangegorman, I have accepted the tenders of:—

- (i) The Dublin Gas Co. for 150 tons of coke at £7 5s. 0d. per ton, being the lowest of three tenders received.
- (ii) Wallace Bros. Ltd. for 250 tons American coal at £6 1s. 0d. per ton, being the lowest of eight tenders received.

12. On his recommendation also, I have accepted the tender of the Dublin Woodworking Co. in the sum of £390 2s. 0d. for the supply of furniture and fittings for the new Male O.T. Department at Grangegorman, being the lowest of ten tenders received in response to advertisement.

13. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Portrane, I have accepted the tender of Cinema and General Equipment Ltd. in the sum of £83 1s. 0d. for the supply of stage lighting, being the lowest of four tenders received for this equipment. A sum of £100 was provided in the current year's estimates for the partial replacement of stage scenery and footlights at Portrane.

14. The Agricultural Manager reported that he had on hands a large quantity of feeding barley from the 1952 harvest and that a surplus of 300/400 barrels was available for sale. The highest price offered at harvest time during the last two years was 50/- per barrel but recent enquiries produced an offer of 55/- per barrel, which is equal to £27 per ton. The Agricultural Manager considered this an attractive price in comparison with the prices payable by the Board for other feeding stuffs and, on his recommendation, I have approved of the sale of the surplus barley to Livestock Foods Ltd. at 55/-.

15. I have been informed by the Department of Local Government that the Minister for Finance has fixed at 4½ per cent. per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 1st January, 1954. This represents a reduction of one half per cent.

16. At the meeting held on the 19th November last the Board approved of the lease of a plot of ground at Santry Court to the Clonliffe Harriers for a fine of £500 and a rent of £120 a year. I submit a letter from the Clonliffe Harriers asking if the Board would be agreeable to accept payment of the fine over a period of five years, i.e., £100 on completion of the lease and four annual instalments of £100 each.

17. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 10th December by Councillors Miss M. C. Ennis and James O'Neill and Mr. T. P. O'Reilly, I have to report:—

Item II. Arrangements have been made to improve the grading of potatoes, and the Housekeeper has been instructed to keep a close watch on the matter.

Item III. Tenders are being obtained for a new cutting press in the shoemaker's shop, and the obsolete machines in this shop and the weaving shop will be discarded and sold, if possible.

The patients in the shoemaker's shop receive the usual extra allowances authorised for working patients.

18. Four tenders were received for the supply of seeds and sundries to Grangegorman and Portrane, and I have accepted the lowest tender, that of M. Rowan & Co. in the sum of £319 15s. 3d.

19. The contract for building the two new 100-bed units will probably be placed within a week and work will commence immediately thereafter.

The Board's Architect estimates the approximate cost of the building contract at £120,000 and the total cost of the two buildings (including mechanical and electrical services, fees and supervision) at £180,000. The Department of Health has advised that the Minister will make available a grant of £100,000 towards the cost of works to provide patient accommodation to relieve overcrowding at Grangegorman and Portrane and this grant will be additional to the grant of £100,000 already promised towards the cost of works in the two institutions.

In view of the recommendation of the Special Building Committee that the scheme for the conversion of Portrane House should be abandoned, the Architect investigated the possibility of making good the bed accommodation which will be lost if this recommendation is approved. He is not clear that the site beside Portrane House would be suitable for a new unit, as recommended by the Special Building Committee, owing to ground levels and other site conditions, but he will investigate the suggestion further as soon as possible. In the meantime he has pointed out that it would be quite feasible to add 24 additional beds to each of the two new 100-bed units by expanding the four wards in each block to accommodate six beds each. This proposal will provide 48 additional beds at a cost which the Architect estimates at £16,000, i.e., £333 per bed which is very reasonable. In view of the fact that building operations are about to commence I discussed this suggestion informally with the members of the Board at the Committee of the Whole Board held last week. The members expressed approval of the proposed additions to the original plan and I have submitted the matter to the Minister for Health for approval. I would ask the Board to confirm approval of my action.

20. As a result also of the recommendation of the Special Building Committee, it was necessary to dispense with the services of the workmen engaged for the conversion of Portrane House on the 2nd instant. The Minister's approval having been obtained to the plans and specifications for the six new staff houses at Portrane, the Board's Architect suggested that the construction of the houses might be carried out by direct labour with the team of workmen engaged for Portrane House. He pointed out that the scheme would be expedited if undertaken by direct labour immediately, and he saw no reason

why the entire cost should not compare favourably with a lump sum tender obtained from an independent contractor. I adopted the Architect's suggestion, and work on the houses was commenced on the 4th January.

JOHN P. KEANE,
Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon :—

Par. 5. *Noted. Copies of letter to be supplied to those members of the Board who may require it.*

Par. 10. *The Board regrets to learn of the illness of Dr. D. J. Hegarty and wishes him a speedy recovery.*

Par. 14. *Referred to Agricultural Committee for further consideration.*

Par. 16. *Copy of letter from the Clonliffe Harriers to be circulated to members of the Board for consideration at next meeting.*

Par. 19. *Approved.*

Par. 20. *Approved.*

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.
JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Falconer, Dublin.

*Report No. 197.**21st January, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Special Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 21st day of January, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

City of Dublin Representatives—Alderman Dr. Cormac Breathnach, T.D., Councillors William J. Colman, P.C., Bernard Conway, Denis Larkin, Mrs. Lillie O'Shea Leamy, Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., John Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives—Councillors James Andrews, Joseph Dignam, P.C., Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives—Councillors William Lawless and Patrick McCarthy.

The Chief R.M.S., Chief Engineer, Portrane, and Messrs. T. and J. Inglis, Architects, of Mr. Vincent Kelly's office, were in attendance.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

1. Since the meeting of this Committee on 28th September last, there has been considerable progress in preparing, and some progress in executing, the schemes approved for the provision of additional patient accommodation in Grangegorm and Portrane. The present position of these schemes and other proposed building and engineering works is set out below.

2. *Two New Units at Portrane.*

As reported to the Board on 17th ultimo, fifteen tenders (in the form of Schedules of Rates) were received for the erection of these two Units. Eight tenders were received for the heating and water services installations and eight for the electrical installation.

With the consent of the Minister for Health, I have accepted for the building work, the tender of John Sisk and Son (Dublin), Ltd., which the Architect advised was the most advantageous to the Board. On the basis of the rates submitted by this contractor, the Architect estimates the cost of building the two Units at £120,000, to which, however, must be added the cost of services, fees, etc. On 14th instant the Board approved of the addition of 48 beds to the original scheme. This proposal has been submitted to the Department of Health and, if approved by the Minister, the estimated cost of the building work will be increased by £16,000 to £136,000.

The tenders for the mechanical and electrical services are still under examination by the Department of Health and the Board's Consulting Engineer.

The inclusive cost of the two buildings is estimated by the Architect to be:—

Building Contract	£136,000
Mechanical & Electrical Services	45,165
Fees for Architect, Consulting Engineer and Quantity Sur- veyor and salary of Clerk of Works	13,505
Preliminary Site Development	364
	£195,034

Order. Noted and approved.

3. Reconstruction of Temporary Buildings, Grangegorman.

The reconstruction of the first half of this building by direct labour commenced at the end of September. The foundations have been completed and the superstructure is well in hands.

The preliminary estimate of the cost of this scheme is £45,000, for which provision has been made in a twenty year loan of £50,000 approved by the Board on 17th November last. Approval of the Minister for Local Government for this loan has not been received as yet.

Order. Noted.

4. Reconstruction of Portrane House.

On 14th instant the Board approved a recommendation of this Committee that the proposal to reconstruct Portrane House be abandoned, in view of the high cost and the

presence of dry-rot. The Board referred back for further consideration the Committee's recommendation that a new building, to accommodate 75 patients, should be constructed on the site. The Board's Architect has been examining this suggestion and he will be available to advise the Committee.

Order : After some discussion, in the course of which it was suggested that Portrane House might be converted into a nurses' home, the Committee were of opinion that there were the same objections to this suggestion as to the conversion of Portrane House into a division for patients, and that, in any event, the house could not suitably be adapted to accommodate nurses. The Architects said that it might be possible to have Portrane House demolished at a reasonable cost by the contractors for the two new units who would require a considerable quantity of material for filling.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Mr. J. Cahill seconded :
" We recommend that Portrane House be demolished and the site cleared." Passed unanimously.

5. New Staff Houses at Portrane.

The Minister's approval to the working drawings and specification for the six new houses at the " Red Square " was obtained on 7th January and in view of the abandonment of the scheme for the conversion of Portrane House, I approved of a suggestion of the Architect that the labour already engaged should be employed on the construction of the staff houses by direct labour. Work commenced on 4th instant and it is progressing satisfactorily.

On 18th instant, I received from the Workers' Union of Ireland a request that the layout of the houses should be

altered by substituting a sitting room and kitchen for the living room and kitchenette. At this stage it would not be feasible to alter the plans which were approved by the Board on 20th November, 1952, and which have since been passed by the Minister for Health and the County Council.

The Architect estimates the cost of constructing the houses at £11,000 and, assuming that the County Council will make a " Letting Grant " at the rate of £350 a house, the nett cost to the Board will be in the region of £8,900. It will be necessary to borrow that amount.

The contract for the construction of the Farmyard Foreman's and Works Foreman's houses at Portrane is progressing satisfactorily and the houses should be ready for occupation in about two months.

Order. Noted. Architect to examine the possibility of increasing the size of the scullery in the six new houses.

6. *New Admission Unit at Grangegorman.*

I reported to the Special Building Committee on 20th September last that the final draft schedule of accommodation in the New Admission Unit was under examination in the Department of Health. In the course of an interview which the Chief R.M.S., the Chief Clerk and the Board's Architect had with the officers of the Department of Health, it was pointed out that, if this Unit were to be built on the scale proposed, it might not be completed before the St. Laurence's Hospital buildings were ready for handing over

to the Board. The suggestion was made that the Board should build instead a single storey unit similar in design to the new Units at Portrane, which would provide accommodation of a reasonably good standard for 100 patients within a comparatively short time. The Chief R.M.S. considered that a reduced scheme along these lines might meet the Board's immediate requirements, provided the new Unit included sufficient accommodation for the special treatments which are being given at present in Grangegorm. I have requested him to consult the Board's Architect and the Departmental Advisers and draw up a new schedule of the accommodation required for this purpose.

Order. Proposed by Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly: "We recommend that the Board should proceed with the construction of the new Admission Unit on the scale originally proposed." Passed unanimously.

7. New Children's Division at Portrane.

Since my report of 17th September last, the Minister for Health has approved in principle the proposal to provide a children's division at Portrane by conversion of the old laundry block attached to No. 10 Division. The Architect has been in consultation with the Department's Architectural Advisers and the Minister has agreed that the project may proceed to the tender stage without further reference to the Department. I have instructed the Architect to prepare plans for the Board's approval.

Order. Noted.

8. *New Female Visiting Hall, Grangegorman.*

Since my last report to the Committee, Working Drawings for the building works and mechanical and electrical services have been submitted to the Department for approval. The Quantity Surveyor is engaged on the preparation of a Bill of Quantities and it should be possible to put this job out to tender at an early date. The Architect estimates the total cost of this building at £39,000, which figure is made up as follows :—

Building Works	...	£31,000
Mechanical Services	...	4,600
Architect's Engineer's and Surveyor's fees and Clerk of Works' salary	... ..	3,400
		£39,000

Order. Noted.

9. *New Stores Buildings at Grangegorman.*

I am in correspondence with the Department about a question which they have raised in regard to the heating of the new building. When this has been disposed of, the final plans will be prepared.

Order. Noted.

10. *New Residence for the Branch R.M.S. at Portrane.*

The preparation of plans for this house has been delayed somewhat owing to the greater urgency of the scheme for

extra patients' accommodation. It should now be possible to proceed without further delay.

Order. Noted.

11. Addition to Female Nurses' Home at Portrane.

Since the date of my last report, it has become apparent that it will be necessary to provide 64 additional rooms for female nurses in order to cater adequately for the existing staff and for the extra staff required for the new units. The Architect has had difficulty in locating a suitable site and this is a point which might be discussed with the Committee.

Order. Members of Building Committee to meet at Portrane on Wednesday, 27th January, 1954, at 12 noon, to inspect sites for a new nurses' home.

12. Mechanical and Electrical Services, Portrane.

On 20th August last I reported to the Board that I had received from Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, his report on the Mechanical and Electrical Services in Portrane, in the course of which he recommended replacement of the steam and electricity generating plant and improvements in the heating, cooking, hot water services, electricity distribution system, cold water supplies, laundry and ventilation, all of which were estimated to cost £208,980. Mr. Kenny advised that the replacement of the steam boilers was a matter of the greatest urgency and he recommended also that the boilerhouse equipment, the steam, condensate and hot water distribution system and the electricity generating

plant should be replaced without delay. On 30th July last, application was made for the approval of the Minister for Health to this part of Mr. Kenny's report, the cost of which was estimated to be £134,390. Having received no response to this application, I wrote specially to the Department on 11th November, pointing out that it was essential to obtain delivery of the new boilers before the winter of 1954/55, and that I was apprehensive of the serious consequences which might arise from a major breakdown in the existing plant. On 23rd November I was informed by the Department that they hoped to convey their views on the proposal within a month.

Order. The Chief Engineer informed the Committee that, apart from the danger of serious breakdown, the existing plant was not sufficient to supply the two new units which were expected to be completed this year.

Mr. John Cahill proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded :
“ That the Minister for Health be asked for an immediate decision on this proposal.” *Passed unanimously.*

13. On 15th October last I reported to the Board that the Architect estimated at £34,000, the final cost of converting the Old Laundry at Grangegorm into a Male Visiting Hall and O.T. Department. The original estimate of cost was £25,000, of which £15,000 has been raised by means of a twenty-years' loan and £10,000 was to be provided by a grant from the Hospitals' Trust Fund.

The Board referred this report to the Special Building Committee and the Architect will have available at this meeting a detailed analysis of the total cost.

It will be necessary to borrow a further £5,400 to meet the over-expenditure on this scheme; the Minister for Health will be asked to increase the grant from the Hospitals' Trust Fund to £18,600.

Order. Consideration deferred to next meeting of the Committee. Architect to report on the system of heating which is reported to be unsatisfactory.

14. As already reported to the Board, the Minister for Health has undertaken to make available a grant of £100,000 towards the cost of works to provide patients' accommodation to relieve overcrowding at Grangegorm and Portrane. This grant will be additional to the grant of £100,000 promised in November, 1949, towards the cost of providing an Admission Unit, Visiting Halls and an Occupational Therapy Unit at Grangegorm, of which only a small part has been drawn.

I would recommend that this second grant be applied to:—

(i) *The reconstruction of the Temporary Buildings at Grangegorm.* The provisional estimated cost of this scheme is £45,000 and 40 per cent. of that figure would absorb £18,000 of the grant. The Board has already approved of a loan of £45,000 for twenty years to finance the full cost of this scheme but as the formalities in connection with the loan will be completed shortly and funds are urgently needed to finance the work, I do not consider it desirable to revise the amount—if the full sum is not required it will not be drawn.

(ii) *The Two New 100-bed Units at Portrane.* The total estimated cost, as detailed in Paragraph 2 above is £195,034.

or allowing a small sum for contingencies—£200,000. Forty per cent. of that figure is £80,000, leaving a balance of £120,000 to be raised by borrowing.

Order. Noted and approved.

15. I recommend, therefore, the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of the following amounts :—

To meet over-expenditure on the Male
Visiting Hall,

£9,000, less grant £3,600	...	£5,400
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To defray nett cost of two new Units
at Portrane

Estimated cost	...	£200,000
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Less Grant	...	80,000
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£120,000

To defray cost of six staff houses
at Portrane

Estimated cost	...	£11,000
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Less 'Letting Grant'	...	2,100
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£8,900

I recommend that the sum of £5,400 be borrowed for a term of twenty years (being the same term as the original loan for this scheme), repayable in equal half-yearly instalments with interest on the outstanding balances from time to time at the general rate in force under the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935. In view of the further substantial borrowing for the two new schemes and the Board's prospective liabilities for other building and engineering works, I recommend that the sums of £120,000 and £8,900 be borrowed for a term of 30 years, repayable in the same manner.

Order. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. J. Jones : " We recommend approval of the Manager's proposals to borrow the following sums from the Commissioners of Public Works :—

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| (i) To meet over-expenditure on the Male Visiting Hall at Grangegorman | ... | £5,400 |
| repayable in equal half yearly instalments over a period of 20 years. | | |
| (ii) To defray net cost of two new units at Portrane | ... | £120,000 |
| (iii) To defray net cost of six new staff houses at Portrane | ... | £8,900 |
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| | | £128,900 |
| repayable in equal half yearly instalments over a period of 30 years; | | |

With interest on the outstanding balances from time to time on both loans at the general rate in force under the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935." Passed unanimously.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

21st January, 1954.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 198.

27th January, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Special Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, Portrane Mental Hospital, Donabate, Co. Dublin, the 27th day of January, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors W. J. Colman, Miss M. C. Ennis, W. Lawless, Messrs. John Cahill, T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

SITE FOR NURSES' HOME.

The Committee considered the suitability of the following sites for a new Female Nurses' Home:—

- (1) Adjoining the existing Female Nurses' Home;
- (2) West of the Female Chronic Block;
- (3) Between the Female Chronic Block and Portrane House;
- (4) In front of the Male and Female Hospitals;
- (5) In front of Portrane House.

Having discussed with the Chief R.M.S., Messrs. T. and J. Inglis of Mr. Vincent Kelly's office, and the Chief

Engineer, the suitability of each of these sites, the following resolution, proposed by Mr. John Smithers, seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly, was adopted unanimously:—

"We recommend that a new Female Nurses' Home sufficient to accommodate 70 nurses be erected on Site No. 3 (i.e., between the Female Chronic Block and Portrane House), and that provision be made in the new building for a lecture hall."

The representatives of the Architect were requested to prepare a plan showing the various sites for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT RE. NEW ADMISSION AND TREATMENT UNIT AT GRANGEGORMAN.

The Special Building Committee at its meeting on 21st instant had under consideration my report about the New Admission and Treatment Unit at Grangegorman and unanimously adopted a recommendation that the Board should proceed with this Unit as originally planned.

On 25th instant the Chief R.M.S., the Chief Clerk, Messrs. T. and J. Inglis of Mr. Vincent Kelly's office, and myself met the Inspector of Mental Hospitals and the officers of the Department of Health in the Custom House. The reasons for the Committee's recommendation were explained to them and the whole question was discussed at great length.

The Department's officers again pointed out that if the Admission Unit were to be built on the lines originally proposed, the detailed planning and the invitation of tenders might take up to two years—the actual construction would take another two years. On the other hand, if the Board were prepared to accept a building similar in design to the

new units at Portrane, tenders could be invited almost immediately on the basis of the schedule of rates already compiled for the Portrane buildings and the work of construction might be completed within eighteen months. It was also pointed out that the expense of providing all the accommodation required in an Admission and Treatment Unit might not be justified, if some of that accommodation were to be made available to the Board by the acquisition of St. Laurence's Hospital within a year or two of completion of the new Unit. The officers of the Department, however, emphasised that this question was a matter for decision by the Board, having regard to all the factors involved, but particularly to the cost and the urgent need for additional bed accommodation.

The Chief R.M.S. explained the need for improved accommodation for special treatments and, in particular, for a new operating theatre. If such accommodation could be provided immediately, he would be prepared to recommend to the Board the adoption of a reduced scheme, omitting certain services included in the original scheme, *e.g.*, X-Ray Department, Out-Patients' Department, Pharmacy, Apartments for Medical and Nursing Staffs, etc.

On further examination of the matter it was found impossible to provide the necessary accommodation for treatments within the framework of the plans for the Portrane Units and the following suggestion was made:—

(I) To provide the patients' accommodation proper (*i.e.*, dormitories, dayrooms, sanitary annexes, etc., for 100 patients) in a single storey building on the lines of the Portrane Units, and

(II) To construct directly adjacent to (I) and connected with it, a single storey or two-storey Treatment Centre including an Operating Theatre.

If this suggestion were adopted, it would be possible to invite tenders shortly for Part (I) on the basis of the Schedule of Rates already prepared for the Portrane Units with the addition of the rates necessary in the construction of Part (II). While tenders were being obtained and the contract placed, the detailed plans for Part (II) could be worked out in agreement with the Department of Health.

Having considered the matter very carefully, I believe that this suggestion offers the most practicable solution of the problem and I recommend its adoption.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

27th January, 1954.

Proposed by Councillor W. J. Colman, seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly:—

"We recommend to the Board that the suggestion contained in the Manager's Report of this date be approved and adopted, in view of the undertaking given by the Minister for Health that a substantial part of the St. Laurence's Hospital buildings will be made available to the Board." Passed unanimously.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 199.

28th January, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of January, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, W. J. Colman, P.C., W. P. Donohoe, P.C., Sean Dunne, T.D., Miss M. C. Ennis, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

28th January, 1954.

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since my last report on the 26th November, eight Shorthorn and three Friesian cross T.T. milch cows have been purchased at an average cost of £70 0s. 2d. The three Friesian crosses averaged £76 10s. 8d. in price. There was a slight shortage of milk for about a week at the beginning of December, but since then full supplies have been maintained. In fact, both hospitals are at present supplied with a surplus of milk, the present supply being 312 gallons to Grangegorman and about 250 gallons to Portrane. The present daily production from 246 cows is 573 gallons or 2.3 gallons per cow.

The following is an analysis of the present daily production from the cows:—

5 gallons and over	...	1 cow
4 " to 5 gallons	...	9 cows
3 " to 4 gallons	...	50 "
2 " to 3 gallons	...	50 "
1 gallon to 2 gallons	...	107 "
Under 1 gallon	...	20 "

2. Purchases and Sales of Livestock:—

During the months of November and December the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold:—

	November, 1953	Total Cost		Average per beast			Average per cwt. L.W.		
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
(a) 13 Milch Cows		922	10 0	70	19 3		—		
3 Bullocks		190	1 0	63	7 0		5	13	5
2 Fat Heifers		100	2 6	50	1 3		5	9	9
21 Sheep		208	14 0	9	18 9		—		
14 Fat Pigs		255	10 0	18	5 0		—		

(b) November, 1953.

Ten calves—1 at £14 10s. 0d., 1 at £13, 1 at £11 10s. 0d., 1 at £11, 2 at £9 10s. 0d., 1 at £8 10s. 0d., 1 at £8, 2 at £6, making a total of £97 10s. 0d.

55 bonhams at £6 15s. 0d. each	—	Total	£871	5s.	0d.
2 bonhams at £6 5s. 0d.	"	"	£12	10s.	0d.
2 bonhams at £8 0s. 0d.	"	"	£12	0s.	0d.
11 bonhams at £4 10s. 0d.	"	"	£49	10s.	0d.
3 store sows at £33 0s. 0d.	"	"	£99	0s.	0d.

Total for all pigs sold

42 bonhams at £7 0s. 0d. (transferred to Grangegorman)	...	£544	5s.	0d.
2 dry cows sold for £140.	...	£294	0s.	0d.

(a) December, 1953	Total Cost		Average per beast		Average per cwt. L.W.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
10 Milch Cows	719	12 0	71	19 2	—	—
8 Bullocks	530	5 0	66	5 8	5	18 4
41 Sheep ...	397	0 0	9	13 8	—	—
2 Fat Pigs	34	0 0	17	0 0	—	—

(b) Sixteen calves—2 at £14, 2 each at £13, £10, £9, 1 each at £13 15s. 0d., £12, £8 and £6, and 4 at £7, making a total of £159 15s. 0d.

2 bonhams at £7 0s. 0d. — Total £14 0s. 0d.

2 fat sows at £26 16s. 0d. — „ £53 12s. 0d.

1 store sow at £19 10s. 0d. — „ £19 10s. 0d.

Total for all pigs sold £87 2s. 0d.

36 bonhams at £7 each (transferred to
Grangegorman £252 0s. 0d.

3. *Mastitis*.—Some cases of acute Mastitis are occurring among the cows, principally at Portrane Farm. The incidence of the disease at Ballymastone and Turvey has been very slight. The majority of these cases has responded to treatment. Milk sampling and treatment by the Veterinary Surgeon, as well as segregation of affected cows, has been carried out. Some cows which have been discovered as carriers of the disease are being eliminated. For the past couple of weeks there has been a general improvement.

4. *Grass*.—The laying of main drains, sub-soiling and mole-draining of some of the grass fields in preparation for tillage is at present being carried out.

Due to the mild weather, there has been a slight growth of grass and it has been possible to let out most of the cows at Portrane and Ballymastone during the day.

5. *Crops*.—At the end of November a further five acres of Winter wheat was sown, making a total of 19 acres sown so far.

The digging of the potato crop has just been completed. I am not yet in a position to give an accurate account of the yield, but I am of the opinion that it will be somewhat less than last year's. I estimate that the potatoes in hands will last only to about the end of April and it will then be necessary to purchase supplies for May and portion of June.

The harvesting of five acres of fodder beet at Ballymastone has almost been completed. The yield is estimated at 20 tons of roots per acre, which I consider very good. A test for dry matter revealed that the content is 21·5 per cent. This I consider very satisfactory, and the average return of dry matter per statute acre will be approximately five tons from roots and tops.

Ploughing broken ground is in progress and it is hoped to commence spreading farmyard manure for root crops immediately.

The silage pits at Portrane and Turvey were opened on the 5th November. The quality of this product appears good and there is little waste in the pits. It is being fed to all dairy cows and to the young stock at Turvey, and is being relished by all.

6. *Santry Court*.—The present stock on this farm is 20 dry and in-calf cows, 79 yearlings and 23 two-year-old heifers. The young stock are getting a run on the pastures by day and are housed at night. Eighteen forward springers are also housed. Grass is scarce on this farm with the exception of two fields, through which water mains are being laid, and it is not safe to put cattle on them until excavations have been closed in.

7. With reference to my recommendation to the Manager regarding the sale of 800/400 barrels of surplus feeding barley, from the 1952 and 1953 harvests, at 55/- per barrel or £27 10s. 0d. per ton, and which, in the opinion of Councillor William Lawless, was unwise in view of the necessity to purchase large quantities of other livestock foods, I wish to express my views as follows: Production of barley from the 1952 harvest was 423 barrels and there were 60 barrels carried forward from the previous year. Of these quantities, 183 barrels were consumed during the winter of 1952, leaving 300 barrels to be carried forward to 1953. This balance, plus 521 barrels produced in 1953, left 821 barrels entering the current feeding season. This quantity was much in excess of that which could be scientifically and economically fed to livestock during the current winter, and at the price obtained I considered it good business to dispose of it.

Barley is essentially a starchy food, low in protein, and there is a limit to the amount that can be incorporated in any dairy mixture. Of the starchy foods now obtainable (with the exception of maize), barley at £27 10s. 0d. per ton is the dearest. The current prices per ton of others are: bran and pollard £22 0s. 0d., sugar pulp £15 8s. 0d., and malt culms £14 10s. 0d. At present I am preparing a properly balanced dairy mixture containing 19 per cent. protein with a first grade mineral supplement added for £22 0s. 0d. per ton (including the cost of mixing and handling), which is £5 10s. 0d. per ton less than the sale price of the barley. Sugar pulp forms the basis of this mixture and the other main constituents are cotton-seed meal and meat and bone meal, supplying vegetable and animal protein which are absolutely essential with any starchy food to give a proper balance. It is more economical to use pulp instead of barley because, when compared at their respective prices, a fodder unit of barley is 50 per cent. dearer than a fodder unit of pulp.

A greater acreage of barley was grown in 1953 than was originally intended, as some vegetable ground became available in early May and it was decided then that the most advantageous way to utilise this ground was to put in barley and undersow with grass-seeds.

JAMES HAYES.

Agricultural Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Para 1 to 6. Noted.

Par. 7. Copy to be sent to Councillor William Lawless.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER. PORTRANE.

1. *Winter Vegetables and Roots.*—The vegetable crops consist of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres Savoy cabbage, 6 acres broccoli, 2 acres Swede turnips, 1 acre leeks and $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre Brussel sprouts. With the exception of Savoy cabbage, the remainder of the crops are doing well. There remains in storage at the moment, $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of onions and 4 tons carrots.

The area under Savoy cabbage is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the two institutions and may, therefore, cause a shortage of vegetables during the next two months. The reason for this scarcity may be attributed to the following circumstances:—(a) The cutting of $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of late Savoy (normally cut in March) to make way for the New Building Site; (b) the abnormally long spell of mild weather has caused the second late Savoy to mature and ripen too early. This particular variety is usually out about mid-February. Consequently, I have a surplus of over-ripe cabbage which is unsaleable, and the only way I have of disposing of it is to give it to the cows.

Spring Cabbage.—This crop is making good progress and some of it may be fit for cutting by the first week in April.

Autumn Onions.—This young crop appears to be promising and, with favourable weather conditions, I should have scallions in March.

Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.—Works in progress at the moment are:—Pruning and manuring fruit trees, manuring and covering rhubarb with stable litter, lining out one-year-old bush fruit, renovating herbaceous borders and general upkeep of gardens.

GRANGEGORMAN.

Autumn onions, leeks and lettuce crops are doing well. All idle ground is ploughed in readiness for spring tillage. Pruning of fruit trees is completed. Recreation grounds and shrubberies are in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

30th September, 1953.

1. We inspected Portrane Farm and Gardens on September 30th. At Turvey threshing was in progress and the grain was of excellent quality. The pastures in the various fields were up to the highest standard. We observed the improvement in the ventilation of the Calf House at Ballymastone. We discussed many matters with Mr. Chalmers and we are satisfied that, when the yard is raised in front of the Hayshed, a considerable improvement will be effected.

2. We inspected two dead pigs and were informed they had died of heart failure. We were interested to learn the number of heifers taken into the herd for the past three years and we inspected six of the springing heifers, and while they would have to be regarded as first-class animals, we are of the opinion they are not suitable for milk production.

3. The Gardens, as usual, were in good trim and we looked over 15 acres of sprouts and Savoys.

We thank the various people who assisted us on our tour of inspection.

W. LAWLESS,

WILLIAM J. COLMAN, P.C.

JOHN SMITHERS.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER

26th November, 1953.

SPECIAL REVIEW OF DAIRY HERD.

In September, 1951, a joint report was submitted by the Agricultural Adviser and myself setting out the policy being pursued in building up a Friesian-Shorthorn herd. During the intervening period the policy as set out then has still been pursued, i.e., using two highly-bred Friesian bulls, Nairn Bolibert and Oldpark Hiljedo, a Shorthorn bull, Albert Ambassador 18th, which made a complete recovery from trichomonias but was not purchased by the Department of Agriculture as anticipated, and a Hereford bull which is used for crossing with lower-yielding cows and heifers with a view to producing more saleable calves. All these bulls are in use here up to the present, and I would like to make the following comments in connection with them:—

(i) **NAIRN ROLIBERT**—*Friesian, 8 years old*.—This is a very satisfactory animal for artificial insemination purposes, but unfortunately has reacted to the last two tuberculin tests this year. However, he is kept in isolation at Portrane and his semen is being used, and I consider that the danger of spreading T.B. infection is not great. As his oldest heifers in the herd are now a year and four months, I am reluctant to part with him until they calve down in December, 1954. He is breeding nice heifers and already there are 37 of them in the herd.

(ii) **OLDPARK HILJEDO**—*Friesian, 3½ years old*.—This bull has proved very satisfactory for artificial insemination purposes and is very quiet and fruitful. He is also breeding very nice stock and to date 58 of his heifers are in the herd. It is hoped to have some of his progeny in milk by December, 1954.

(iii) **ALBERT AMBASSADOR 13TH**, *Shorthorn, aged 8 years*.—This bull has been used fairly extensively since he recovered from tricomonias and during the past two years 48 of his heifers entered the herd. Quite a number of his heifers have calved down and their average first lactation is 560 gallons, which is very satisfactory for Shorthorns. Eighty per cent. of his progeny are excellent milkers and 20 per cent. are not so good. He is very quiet and fruitful and very suitable for artificial insemination, but is now losing some of his vigour.

(iv) **CROXER ADVENTURE**, *Hereford, 3 years old*.—This animal has not been very satisfactory for artificial insemination. Collections could only be made from him during the first three months of each season and had to be used mostly running with heifers and cows which prove difficult to get in-calf by other means. He has proved fairly successful in this manner, but it is now necessary to replace him with a younger bull of the same breed which I intend to purchase at the March Sales.

In addition to these, a young bull is being reared here. He was bred in February, 1953, by Albert Ambassador 18th from the best Shorthorn cow in the herd; a consistent milker with an average yield of over 1,000 gallons over five lactations. It is hoped that he will replace Albert Ambassador 13th and will be fit for limited use in a few months.

The present strength of the herd is as follows:—

	Total	Shorthorns	Friesians & crosses	Ayrshire crosses	Jersey crosses
Cows ...	380	282	87	8	3
In-calf heifers	32	23	9	—	—
Bulling heifers	49	22	24	2	1
Yearlings ...	120	20	100	—	—
Calves up to 9 months ...	46	18	28	—	—
	627	365	348	10	4

From the above it will be seen that very good progress has been made in pursuance of the policy outlined in the last survey, as far as the introduction of Friesians is concerned. Friesians now comprise over 40 per cent. of the herd and a further 10 per cent. is the progeny of the proven dairy Shorthorn bull. In about two years from now it is hoped that home-bred heifers calving down will go a long way in meeting herd replacements provided that disease, *i.e.*, T.B., mastitis, infertility, etc., is avoided and the present level of purchased cows should be very much reduced. It must, however, be understood that the best results cannot be achieved in the first few years that follow any change in a breeding scheme based on the introduction of sires of the desired breed, as it will take a number of crosses before the desired dairy cow is produced. This, to my knowledge, has been experienced by a number of breeders, and it is only after a number of years that the poorer type cow will be eliminated.

The following table shows the extent of herd replacement over the last few years:—

		<i>Purchased Cows</i>	<i>Home-bred Heifers</i>	<i>Total Replacements</i>
1951/52	...	124	91	215
1952/53	...	184	45	229
1953/54				
April/Nov.	...	137	38	} 217
Dec./March (Est.)		10	32	

Total replacements show little change during those years, but in the current year milk production for consumption in the hospital has been stepped up by 13,000 gallons per eight months and, on the basis of milk produced, this year's replacements must be regarded as being lower than on the previous years.

The average yield of 43 Friesians and crosses which gave lactations within the year ended 31st March, 1953, was 554 gallons. This is not a high yield, but yet it is almost 100 gallons greater than the herd average for the same period. It must also be borne in mind that most of these 43 were on their first lactation and some of them were bought at sales held for the purpose of getting rid of surplus and culled stock. Heifers and cows bought at these sales turned out disappointingly.

So far twenty home-bred Friesian heifers have calved down. Two of these were poor and were slaughtered soon after calving. Three of them have completed lactations and averaged 630 gallons, and one died having given 615 gallons in 31 weeks while still milking three gallons daily. The remaining heifers are milking reasonably well on an average. Six of these which calved within the last few weeks are averaging 32 lbs. of milk daily, one giving as high as 43 lbs.

The period reviewed in this report is rather too short to assess real progress made and results obtained and, in my opinion, a further two years will have to elapse before an

accurate picture can be given. By that time a representative lot of heifers from the present Friesian bulls will have calved down and perhaps will have completed lactations.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 25th February, 1954, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee: —

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

“ W. P. Donohoe.

“ Sean Dunne, T.D.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

APPOINTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANT.

The Manager reported to the Committee that he had appointed Mr. James Mahony as part-time Agricultural Consultant.

On the motion of Councillor Sean Dunne, seconded by Councillor James Andrews, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: “*That, in view of the knowledge and experience of Mr. James Hayes, Agricultural Manager, this Committee is of opinion that the appointment of an Agricultural Consultant is unnecessary.*”

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief B.M.S.

Report No. 200.

18th February, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 18th day of February, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Alderman Thomas Byrne, T.D., P.C., Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Bernard Conway, William P. Donohoe, P.C., Richard C. Keane, Denis Larkin, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, John Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and James O'Neill.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Butler (Lord Mayor) and Councillors Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy and T. J. Murray.

The Minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 196 of the 14th January, 1954) were confirmed and signed.

CONDOLENCE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) proposed and Councillor D. Larkin seconded: "That we learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. P. P. O'Reilly, for many years a member of this Board, and we tender to his family our sincerest sympathy with them in their bereavement";

and

"We tender to Councillor J. Dignam our deepest sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained in the recent tragic death of his brother."

Both resolutions were passed in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 14th January to 17th February, 1954, as under, was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 14th January, 1954	1717	2028	3745
Admitted to 17th February, 1954	74	51	125
	1791	2079	3870
Males Females Total			
Discharged to 17th Feb., '54	44	39	83
Died to do.	15	20	35
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
	59	59	118

	Males	Females	Total
Remaining on Hospital Register on 17th February, 1954 ...	1732	2020	3752
Absent on trial and escape on 17th February, 1954 ...	17	13	30
Number actually resident on 18th February, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book ...	1715	2007	3723

DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital ...	855	1216	2071
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	860	791	1651
Total number resident as above ...	1715	2007	3722

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	2839
County of Dublin ...	497
County Wicklow ...	328
Criminal Lunatics ...	46
Non-district patients ...	12
TOTAL ...	3722

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Cahill proposed and Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix seconded the adoption of Report No. 197 of the meeting

of the Special Building Committee held on the 21st January, 1954. Passed unanimously.

Arising out of this Report, Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded:—

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £128,900 (One hundred and twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred pounds) for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of (i) two new 124-bed units and (ii) six staff houses, at Portrane Mental Hospital, as recommended in Paragraph 15 of the Manager's report dated 21st January, 1954, to the Special Building Committee;

The said sum of £128,900 to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over a period of thirty years, with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935."

Passed unanimously.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded:—

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £5,400 (Five thousand four hundred pounds) for the purpose of defraying the balance of cost of the New Male Visiting Hall and Occupational Therapy Department at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, as recommended in Paragraph 15 of the

Manager's report dated 21st January, 1954, to the Special Building Committee;

The said sum of £5,400 to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over a period of twenty years, with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935."

Passed unanimously.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded the adoption of Report No. 198 of the meeting of the Special Building Committee held on the 27th January, 1954. Passed unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 199 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 28th January, 1954. Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

20th January, 1954.

1. We carried out an inspection at Grangegorman Mental Hospital on Wednesday, 20th January, 1954.

Dr. E. O'Sullivan accompanied us for the first part of our inspection in the morning.

2. In the new Visiting Hall we saw samples of chairs and tables which are to be ordered for the use of visitors, and we decided, after a careful study, on what appeared to us the strongest types and the most reasonable in price.

3. On calling in at the Male Therapy Workshop, we watched a patient doing some neat picture framing and we admired some lovely firescreens.

Our attention was drawn to a small printing machine, which ought to save some of the costs of printing in the Institution.

4. In the other workshops we saw some fine samples of mats and stools which are good value.

5. As Dr. O'Sullivan had to return to her duties, Dr. O'Brien, showed us around the Female Hospital. Division No. 23A needs painting, and we are wondering if it is on the list for this year.

Upstairs in 23A there is a Male Dormitory which looks a bit overcrowded, but we realise this is unavoidable.

The nurse on duty seems to be short-handed and could do with more male help.

Lockers are badly needed in the male part of 23A, as we saw clothes and shoes heaped up in a cupboard and some on the floor.

6. The Recreation and Dining Hall here is very dirty looking. Is it due for painting?

7. The corridor leading to St. Annunciata's Ward is very dirty looking and we recommend it to be put on the list for early re-decoration.

8. In St. Luke's Ward the ceiling is in a bad way—large flakes keeping falling down.

The small tables for four with comfortable chairs are a vast improvement in the Female Dining Room, and when replacements are necessary in the Male Dining Rooms we suggest they be furnished like the Female Dining Hall.

9. The beds in the corridor of No. 18 again show how overcrowded the Hospital is.

10. If a trolley is to be supplied for the conveyance of food from the hatch at No. 18, we suggest it be an electric one, as meals have to be carried quite a long distance.

11. As most of the walls are oil painted in wards and corridors, we suggest having some of these walls washed, and repainting will not be necessary for a long time.

The office in the main building could be made very fresh with a good wash down—at present it is filthy.

12. Dampness is evident in many wards, but we presume this is caused by the black stone of which they are built.

13. In No. 5 Male Infirmary the walls are so bad that a sheet has been put up to cover the defects. It cannot remain up indefinitely.

14. Dr. Keys came round with us after lunch. The T.B. Unit looked bright and cheerful. The Male Dining Hall is one of the worst features of the whole Hospital. It is so damp and dirty looking.

A table in the Kitchen of the Male Dining Hall looks very dirty. There is a join in the wood and, when scrubbed, the water gets into the join and looks very ugly. Could this table be covered with aluminium or plastic material?

The walls in the Kitchen could be washed down and the appearance would be greatly improved.

15. The workers in the Shoemaker's Shop are still grumbling about not being paid 10/- as others are.

16. A new truck is needed for the fire equipment as the one in use is past repair and we think a serious situation might arise if a fire were to break out.

17. Dr. Keys drew our attention to a huge dump which is very unpleasant and unhealthy in summer. Is there no way of disposing of this refuse, as it is a danger to health?

18. A little child had just been admitted as we went through one of the wards. It is really pitiful to see children among the grown-ups. We again stress the point that these children should not be there.

To the doctors who gave up some of their valuable time to assist us, we return our sincere thanks.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

ANTHONY LALOR.

W. CHASE.

Order. See Paragraph 22 of Manager's Report of this date.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

18th January, 1954.

1. We visited Portrane on Monday, 18th January. Following representations made concerning the omission of a sittingroom in the plans for the proposed new houses for members of the staff at "Red Square", with Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting R.M.S., and Mr. Chalmers, Chief Engineer, we inspected the plans for the dwellings. While these showed a marked improvement on the existing houses in regard to amenities to be provided, we are of the opinion that the provision of a sittingroom would be desirable. It was pointed out to us that the plans, which only provide for a livingroom and kitchenette on floor level, had been approved by the Board last September and also by the Department of Health and that any major change would have to be submitted for approval to the Department, which might result in further delay. In any case, the work of cutting the foundations had already begun. We would recommend that in regard to future plans for similar houses, the Building Sub-Committee should have an opportunity of examining them in detail.

2. We subsequently visited the Laundry, but work had been suspended for dinner. We then visited the Main Dining Hall, where male patients had just finished their meal. We spoke with some of them but none had any complaints to make. Female nurses, assisted by a number of male patients, were busily engaged preparing the hall for dinner for the female patients.

We saw the new electric machine which cuts and butters the bread. It is a great improvement on the old method from the point of view of hygiene, efficiency and safety.

3. After lunch we visited the Male Therapy rooms in charge of Male Nurse Buckley. We were impressed with the high standard of work done here, particularly in the Weaving Room. Having regard to the high standard of workmanship and output of the patients engaged on the looms, we would strongly recommend that an extra allowance be granted to them.

4. We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Chalmers for their kindness and courtesy shown to us.

THOMAS C. O'REILLY.

RICHARD C. KEANE.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 18th March, 1954, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" James Andrews.

" William Lawless.

Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

" W. J. Colman.

Mr. William Chase.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

12th February, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 9th instant 3,723 patients, *viz.*:—

		Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	...	870	1212	2082
In Portrane	...	847	794	1641
TOTAL		1717	2006	3723

as compared with:—

9th February, 1953	...	1641	2007	3648
9th February, 1952	...	1602	1935	3537
9th February, 1951	...	1574	1941	3515
9th February, 1950	...	1569	1916	3485

this year's number being 75 more than on the corresponding date in 1953 and 238 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. One female patient at Grangegorman developed mumps on the 24th January. She has been isolated and her progress to date is satisfactory.

3. Male patient J. M. (6706), when admitted on the 16th ultimo had a fracture of right femur and dislocation of right shoulder. He was attended to by a Visiting Surgeon but died on the 21st ultimo. He was aged 82 years.

Male patient M. L. (34314) collapsed in No. 3 Division dormitory at Grangegorman on the 12th ultimo and died

within a few minutes. The Coroner was notified and ordered a post-mortem, which showed chronic aortic valvular disease. He did not consider an inquest necessary.

4. Male patient T. M. (6604), a liberty patient, was missed at supper time from No. 7 Division at Grangegorman on the 30th ultimo. He had already been ordered for discharge.

At 9.30 a.m. on the 10th ultimo male patient A. C. (6538), a liberty patient, escaped across the boundary wall at Grangegorman. He was found in the Phoenix Park by a Male Nurse and brought back to the Hospital.

Male patient T. L. (6433), a voluntary patient, did not return off pass from Grangegorman on the 15th ultimo.

H. B. (8755), a voluntary patient, escaped on the 31st ultimo from Grangegorman, presumably with his wife by whom he was visited that afternoon.

Male patient P. M. (5633) escaped when on his way to Mass at Grangegorman on the 22nd ultimo. The nurse in charge of the party was helping more feeble patients and lost sight of him. The patient was brought back to the hospital the same morning by his daughter. The Chief R.M.S. is satisfied that no blame attaches to the nurse in charge in connection with this escape.

Male patient J. B. (4926) escaped on the 25th ultimo from No. 6 Division at Grangegorman by removing a lath from the bedroom window. It appears that he hid behind a press while the other patients were going to the Dining Hall. The patient was seen on the North Circular Road that evening by a Male Nurse who was coming on night duty, who brought

him back to the Hospital. The Chief R.M.S. is of opinion that the nurse in charge of No. 6 Division was careless in failing to look behind the press in the division when the patient was missed. He has been severely reprimanded.

5. *Accidents to Patients* (Grangegorman).—Female patient E. L. (26647) accidentally slipped and fell when going to bed on the 13th ultimo and struck her nose on a step. An X-ray examination showed a fracture of the nasal bones with very little displacement. The accident has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane were reported during the past month.

6. *Accidents to Staff* (Grangegorman).—On the 26th ultimo Nurse E. C. was knocked to the ground when trying to separate two patients who were fighting. She sustained two bumps on her head and she has been off duty since that date.

Nurse K. M. hurt her back when lifting a patient out of bed on the 4th December. She was attended to by a Medical Officer and her back was X-rayed. She was off duty on the 6th and 7th December.

G. H., boilerman, tripped over some timber on the 14th ultimo and injured his ribs. He reported the matter on the 23rd to a Medical Officer and he has been off duty since that date.

T. McP., carpenter, slipped in No. 22 Division corridor on the 29th ultimo and was off duty for a day.

A number of other accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

7. *Accidents to Staff (Portrane).*—On the 5th ultimo Male Nurse J. T. K. fell on the stairs of No. 1 Division and dislocated his left shoulder. He has been off duty since that date.

Male Attendant C. B. received an injury to his nose when playing football for the Hospital team on the 24th ultimo. He was examined by a Medical Officer and was off duty from the 26th to the 28th ultimo.

Female Attendant K. C. was off duty from the 8th to the 11th ultimo with a strained left hip sustained when she fell in the general Dining Hall.

Female Attendant M. F. was off duty from the 10th to the 13th ultimo with a sprained right ankle sustained when she tripped and fell in the recreation grounds on the 24th December.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff are reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

8. The Board's Law Agent has been notified of the intention to institute proceedings on behalf of female patient M. R. (5765) for damages for negligence, breach of duty and breach of statutory duty on the part of the Board and its servants and agents in the management of the Hospital and in the treatment and care of the patient on the 18th July last. An account of the accident to this patient was included in Paragraph 7 of my report to the Board on the 20th August.

9. In July last I reported that Male Nurse William Coll had rescued a male patient W. O'R. (3846), who had

jumped into the sea at Portrane on the 17th June, and on the 17th December I reported that Male Nurse John Keane had rescued a male patient M. J. K. (1055) in very similar circumstances.

To mark the Board's appreciation of the courage and resourcefulness shown by these two nurses in saving patients' lives at the risk of their own, I have presented them with a cheque for £10 each from the Canteen Account.

10. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 5th January by Councillors E. Timmons, James Andrews, Mrs. C. Keeble and Mr. John Cahill, I have to report:—

Item (i) I am looking into the suggestion that bedding, towelling and delph ware should be specially marked to indicate the division to which it belongs and I will report fully at an early date. It has not been the practice so far to mark these articles by divisions.

Item (v) The potato steamer has been repaired and the redecoration of the female kitchen will be put in hands early in the coming financial year.

Item (x) The stove referred to is used at intervals and, in fact, a fire guard has been made for it recently. It is not considered advisable to remove it.

Item (xii) When the Visiting Members called to the Male Visiting Hall two of the heaters were out of commission owing to the fact that the motors were away for test. They have since been replaced, but the system of heating in this building is a present under general examination by the Board's Architect and Consulting Engineer.

Item (xiii) The shed used for repairing beds is rather small, but I doubt that the expense of extending it would be justified.

11. With reference to the inspection carried out at Portlaine on the 22nd December by Councillors E. Timmons and Mrs. K. Nix and Mr. W. Chase, I have to report:—

Item (ii) A suitable patient has been provided to look after the fires and boilers.

Item (iii) A heating stove in the dormitory requires to be covered with a wire mesh and this will be done as soon as possible. Extra bars have been welded into the guards on other stoves and a new fire guard will be fitted to the diningroom fireplace.

Item (iv) A wire cage for cooking potatoes was constructed before Christmas and tenders will be invited for additional cages. I have approved of the purchase of stainless steel sinks and drainers at a cost of £36 17s. 6d. A folding table will be fitted on the wall opposite the electric cooker and three electric lights will be installed in the out-offices.

Item (v) The roadway to the rear of the yard will be surfaced in concrete and a concrete pathway will be laid from the back door to the fuel bins.

12. The Minister for Health has made an Order entitled "The Grangegorman District Mental Hospital (Officers) Order, 1954," prescribing the duties of the Branch Resident Medical Superintendent at Portlaine (who will be known in future as the Portlaine Medical Superintendent), and a

statutory request has been sent to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a suitable person for appointment to this post, which has been vacant since the 1st May, 1950.

13. The Minister for Health has approved the final drawings for the two new units at Portrane and he has approved also of the proposal to add 48 beds to the original scheme at an estimated cost of £16,000.

The building contractors have already started work.

14. The Minister has also approved the working drawings for the new Female Visiting Hall at Grangegorman, subject to certain amendments, and the Quantity Surveyor is engaged at present on preparing a bill of quantities.

15. I have received from the Board's insurers a report on their Inspector's recent examination of two Lancashire boilers in the Female House at Grangegorman, in the course of which they request that test holes be drilled and an examination of the seams carried out. The reason for this extensive examination is the age of the boilers, which have been in use for approximately 45 years, and the possibility must exist that they will have to be replaced.

16. The Minister for Health has consented to the sale to the Dublin County Council for road widening of the strip of land at Santry Court comprising one rood and 12 perches or thereabouts, for the sum of £171 5s. 6d., as approved by the Board on the 17th December last.

17. Since the date of last meeting of the Board I have accepted the following tenders for various supplies:—

- (i) W. H. LAMBE & Co. for 45 tons certified seed potatoes at £14 per ton delivered Portrane. One

lower tender was not accepted because it did not specify the area in which the seed was grown, as required by the terms of the contract.

- (ii) McGRATH BROS., LTD., for 10 tons sugar at 59/- per cwt., being the lower of two tenders received.
- (iii) MR. THOMAS SAVAGE, Swords, for haulage of timber from the woods at Portrane and materials for the new staff houses at 50/- per day* for hire of lorry and driver, being the lowest of three tenders received.
- (iv) SAMUEL PATTERSON for repairs to harness in the sum of £35 12s. 0d., being the lower of two tenders received.

18. The following are particulars of the results obtained in the Mental Nursing Examinations held by An Bord Altranais in December last:—

Forty-six Grangegorman candidates (3 male and 43 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 12 were successful (2 male and 10 female attendants). Seventeen candidates (5 male and 12 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, of whom sixteen were successful (4 male and 12 female attendants).

Fifteen Portrane candidates (7 male and 8 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 8 were successful (4 male and 4 female attendants). Four candidates (2 male and 2 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, of whom 3 were successful (2 male and 1 female attendant).

19. Two additional Assistant Medical Officers were appointed to the Grangegorman staff in September, 1950. Residential accommodation for one of them has been

provided by the division of a two-storey flat in the Male Hospital, but the total accommodation available is still short to the extent of one officer's requirements. The Minister for Health has recently approved the appointment of two more Assistant Medical Officers, so that it will be necessary to provide houses or apartments for three doctors in all in the near future.

There is no further accommodation available in the existing buildings and there has been difficulty in finding a site on which additional houses for Assistant Medical Officers could be erected. From enquiries which I have made, it appears possible to purchase suitable houses in the vicinity of the Hospital—in fact, I have entered into preliminary negotiations about one such house. This is a matter which I propose to deal with more fully at the Board Meeting.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

18th February, 1954.

20. Since 14th ultimo 69 male and 48 female patients were admitted, total 117. One hundred and fifteen of these were chargeable patients, of whom 58 were temporary, 27 were voluntary and 30 were Persons of Unsound Mind. One private voluntary patient was also admitted and one patient by order of the High Court.

21. At the request of his father, who lives in London, I have agreed to provide an escort for the transfer to an English Mental Hospital of male patient C. C. (4818). This man has been a patient in the Board's Hospitals since June, 1952, and, as there appears to be little prospect of early recovery,

it would be in the Board's interests to undertake the expense involved in his transfer.

22. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on 20th January by Councillors E. Timmons (Chairman), Anthony Lalor and Mrs. Catherine Byrne and Mr. W. Chase, I have to report:—

Item 5. The Clerk of Works will consult the Head Male Nurse about the provision of lockers in No. 23A Division.

Item 10. A sample food trolley is on order and when it has been given a trial, the type of trolley required for No. 18 Division will be determined.

Item 13. The sheet was fixed on the wall of No. 5 Division as part of the Christmas decorations. The wall has been cleaned since.

Item 14. Two sample tables have been covered with a plastic material and, if it proves satisfactory, consideration will be given to the improvement of other tables similarly.

Item 16. I have already approved in principle the provision of a new fire car and the Clerk of Works is engaged at present in procuring a suitable one.

Item 17. The dump is being cleared and retaining walls are being built. The condition of the dump on the date of inspection was due mainly to trench excavations for the new walls.

The Visiting Members recommend redecoration in a number of departments. The painting programme for the coming year is being drawn up at present and it will be submitted in due course.

23. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Maguire and Gatchell, Ltd., for two 20-gallon steam jacketted pans at £82 10s. 0d. each

and four 30-gallon pans at £91 15s. 0d. each, being the most suitable of eleven tenders received. The new pans are required for the kitchens of No. 22 and No. 24 Divisions and provision for the purchase of this equipment was included in a loan of £4,000 approved by the Board in December, 1952.

24. I have received from the Consulting Engineer the Drawings, Specification and Bills of Quantities in connection with the first part of the scheme for improving the water supply to the Female House at Grangegorman, *viz.*, the provision of new external mains and storage tanks and I am submitting them to the Minister for Health for approval. The work will be put out to contract in due course but it is proposed that the Builder's work in connection with the scheme will be carried out by direct labour. The inclusive cost of this part of the scheme is estimated to be £18,500—the second stage, *viz.*, replacement of internal pipe work, etc., is estimated to cost a further £2,300. It will be necessary at a later date to raise a loan to finance the whole scheme.

25. The Consulting Engineer has submitted also plans and specifications for the Mechanical and Electrical Services in the reconstruction of No. 4 Division at Grangegorman which have been passed to the Department of Health for approval.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 17. (i) Refer to Agricultural Committee.

Par. 19. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. John Cahill: "That the Manager's proposal to purchase a residence for an Assistant Medical Officer be approved in principle." Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

10 Berkeley Street,
Dublin.

17th December, 1953.

Mr. Murray
Chief Clerk,
Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
Dublin.

Dear Mr. Murray,

My Committee have instructed me to write to you regarding the question of the £500 fine. As you already know, we have agreed to pay this, and are prepared to do so immediately you require us. However, the point in connection with this is, that directly your Board and our Club agree that all conditions are suitable to both of us, it will mean that we will have to hand over immediately the sum of £500 plus twelve months rent in advance, which in all will be a total of £620 plus, perhaps, some portion of the legal fees.

This, as your Board will realise, is a very considerable amount of money for an amateur organisation like ours, and would leave us very low in funds; so what we have in mind is, we are hoping that your Board would agree to accept the fine, spread over five years, that would mean our first contribution would be a rent of £120 plus £100 off the £500 fine, in all £220.

Our only reason for seeking this concession is that we intend on taking over this ground to fence it in, which again will cost quite a sum of money, and erect something in the nature of a first-class pavilion with showers and proper sanitary arrangements, etc. As your Board will realise, this is going to cost a considerable amount of money and we may find it somewhat difficult to have this

pavilion if we are compelled to pay out the initial figure of £620. We are confident that your Board will give this matter their favourable consideration and by doing so will enable us to carry out the plans which we have in mind. I am sorry to give you this extra trouble, but I feel sure you will understand our position.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

BILLY MORTON.

Mr. J. Jones proposed and Mrs. E. O'Byrne seconded: "That the Clonliffe Harriers be required to pay the fine of £500 on completion of the lease."

As an amendment, Mr. John Smithers proposed and Councillor Sean Dunne seconded: "That the Clonliffe Harriers be permitted to pay the fine of £500 in five annual instalments of £100, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date of completion of the lease on the balances outstanding from time to time."

The amendment was put to the meeting and was passed by eleven votes to six. The voting was as follows:—

For the amendment.—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Colman, Conway, Keane, Larkin, Andrews, Dunne, Miss Ennis, Lawless, McCarthy and Mr. Smithers (11).

Against the amendment.—Alderman T. Byrne, Councillor Timmons, Messrs. Chase and Jones, Mrs. Keeble and Mrs. E. O'Byrne (6).

Councillor Mrs. K. Nix did not vote.

The amendment was then put as a resolution and was passed by 11 votes to 6, the members voting being the same.

Mental Hospital,
Sligo.

30th January, 1954.

Our Ref. 800/81.
The Chief Clerk,
Mental Hospital,
Grangegorman.

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the Sligo Mental Hospital Board to send you copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Estimates Meeting held on 26th January, 1954:—

Proposed by Councillor Thomas P. Burke.

Seconded by Councillor James McHugh.

"That we, the members of the Sligo Mental Hospital Board, hereby recommend to the Department that all inmates of the Institution who qualify for an old-age pension be granted same and that all persons entering the Institution in receipt of old-age pensions be continued to be paid same."

Yours faithfully,

S. O. CROTAIGH,

Chief Clerk.

Soc/MMcC.

Order. Noted.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 201.**25th February, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 25th day of February, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman), in the Chair. Also present:—Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, W. J. Colman, P.C., William P. Donohoe, P.C., Sean Dunne, T.D., Gilbert Hughes, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly, P.C., and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.*25th February, 1954.*

1. Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies: Since my last report on the 28th ultimo, milk supplies have been fully maintained, and it has not been found necessary to purchase any milch cows. Both hospitals have received slight surpluses of milk throughout the month. The present daily supply is 312 gallons to Grangegorman, and about 240 gallons to Portrane. It appears to me that it will not be necessary to purchase any more cows before mid-May or early June. The present daily production from 250 cows is 575 gallons, or 2.3 gallons per cow.

The following is an analysis of the present daily production from the cows:—

5 gallons and over	...	2 cows.
4 " to 5 gallons	...	10 "
3 " to 4 "	...	45 "
2 " to 3 "	...	96 "
1 " to 2 "	...	86 "
Under 1 gallon	...	11 "

2. *Purchases and Sales of Livestock*: During the month of January the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold:—

(a)	Total Cost	Average per beast	Average per cwt.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
7 bullocks	481 1 1	68 11 7	6 5 11
40 sheep ...	413 19 6	10 7 0	—
3 fat pigs	41 0 0	13 13 4	—

(b) 20 calves—1 at £14, 2 at £13 10s., 1 at £12, 2 at £10, 2 at £9, 4 at £7 10s., 3 at £7, 5 at £6 10s.—total £174 10s.

5 bonhams at £6 10s. each...	total	£32 10 0
20 store pigs at £8 " " "		160 0 0
Total for all pigs sold	...	£192 10 0
30 bonhams transferred to Grangegorman at £7 each...		£210 0 0

3. *Mastitis*: Some cases of acute Mastitis have occurred during the month among the milch cows, but there has been a falling off in the incidence of the disease on all farms. The majority of cases are responding to treatment.

4. *Grass* : The spring manuring of the grasslands is now in progress. So far there has been very little growth of grass and it is rather difficult to say when the pastures will be fit for grazing. A difficulty was experienced in obtaining ground limestone during the past few months, but a supply has now been obtained and will be applied as opportunity arises.

5. *Crops* : Owing to the recent heavy rainfall, the land is in a very waterlogged condition and it is difficult at present to make any progress with the spring work. The indications are that it will be a late spring this year. Unless drying conditions set in soon, it may not be possible to sow the balance of the winter wheat crop.

The harvesting of the fodder beet crop at Ballymastone farm has been completed.

Among the farmwork in progress at the moment is the spreading of farmyard manure for the potato crop, the ploughing of broken and ley ground for the wheat and potato crops, and the laying of main drains, sub-soiling and mole-draining of grass lands in preparation for tillage.

6. *Santry Court* : The present stock on this farm is one dry-and-incalf cow, 87 yearlings and eleven two-year old heifers. All stock are housed at night and are getting a run on the pastures during the day.

The laying of the water mains through the farm has now been completed and the filling in of excavations has made available about 30 acres of grazing ground. No grass is available on the remainder of this farm.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order. Noted.

Arising out of this report and of Paragraph 17 (i) of the Manager's Report dated 12th February, 1954, to the Board, the Agricultural Manager stated that the 45 tons of certified seed potatoes ordered from W. H. Lamb & Co. at £14 per ton would be supplied in sealed bags.

The Agricultural Manager referred also to the sale of 300/400 barrels of feeding barley at 55s. per barrel, which had been dealt with in Paragraph 7 of his Report to the last meeting of the Agricultural Committee.

On the motion of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Gilbert Hughes, it was unanimously resolved that the Agricultural Manager's Report on this subject be approved and adopted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

PORTRANE.

1. *Winter Vegetables and Roots*: The area remaining under winter crops is:— $\frac{1}{2}$ acre savoy cabbage, 5 acres broccoli, 1 acre swede turnips, 1 acre leeks and there are $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of onions in storage. There is not sufficient vegetables to meet the requirements of the two institutions for the next six weeks and it was necessary to purchase peas to supplement the fresh vegetable supply.

The spring cabbage crop is quite promising, and some of the early variety should reach maturity by the first week in April. I am at the moment dressing some of the crop with Sulphate of Ammonia.

Autumn Onions: The weeding of this crop has been completed. Very little tillage was carried out during the past month as the land was too wet.

* *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens:* The pruning, spraying and manuring of fruit trees and bushes has been completed. Other work carried out in this section consisted of sowing tomato and flowering annual seeds, also general indoor and outdoor work.

GRANGECORMAN.

2. Ploughing and digging vacant ground; preparing seed beds; planting shrubs and general upkeep of recreation grounds.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 25th March, 1954, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee :—

Councillor E. Timmons.

" James Andrews.

" W. J. Colman.

" Gilbert Hughes.

E. TIMMONS,

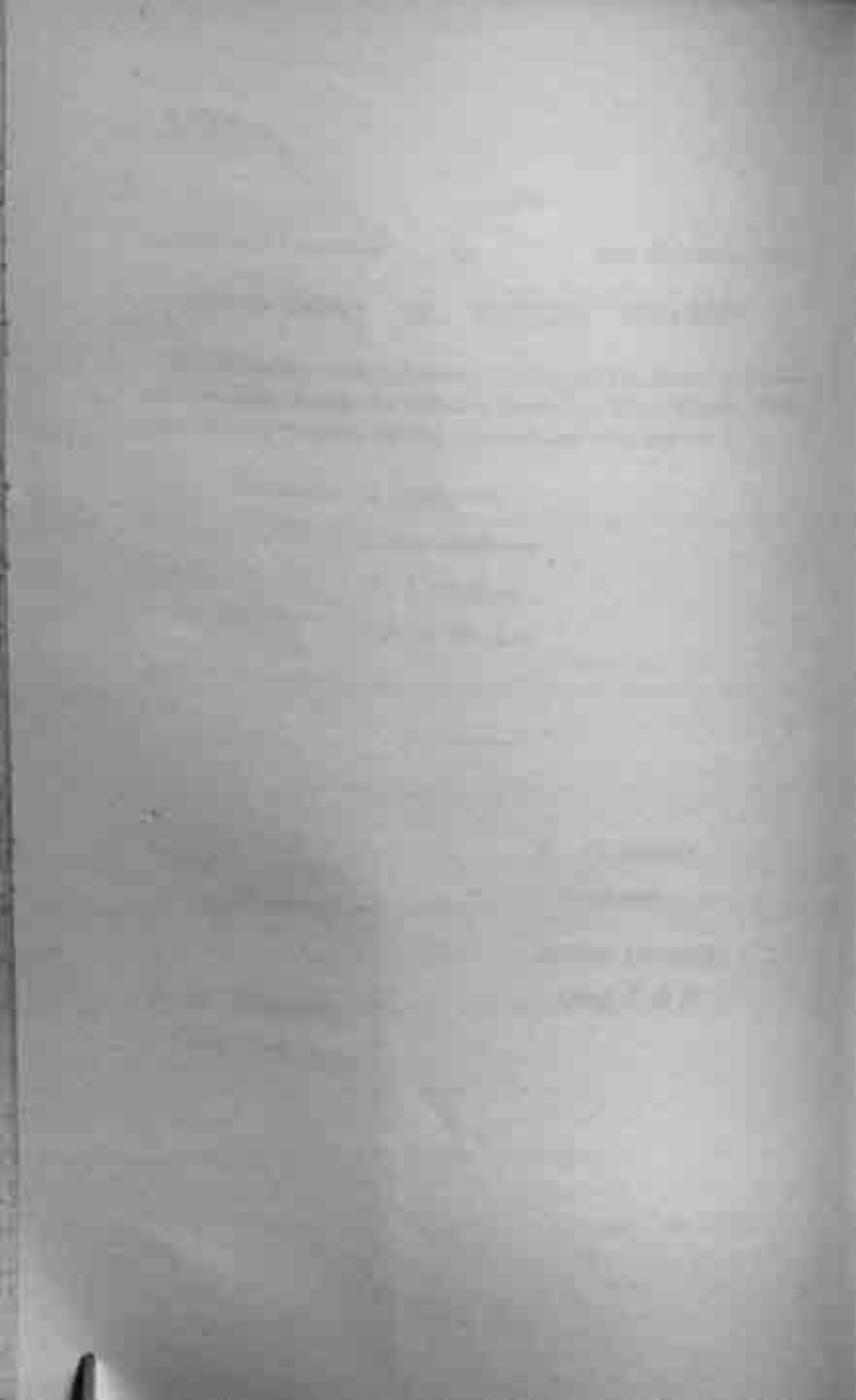
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.



Report No. 202.

18th March, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 18th day of March, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Alderman Dr. Cormac Breathnach, T.D., Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, T.D., William P. Donohoe, P.C., Gilbert Hughes, Richard C. Keane, Anthony Lalor, Denis Larkin, Timothy J. Murray, P.C., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and James O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 200 of the 18th February, 1954) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 17th February to 17th March, 1954, as under, was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 17th February, 1954	1782	2020	3752
Admitted to 17th March, 1954 ...	49	56	105
	1781	2076	3857

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged to 17th March, 1954	29	34	63
Died to do.	11	10	21
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
	40	44	84

Remaining on Hospital Register on 17th March, 1954	1741	2032	3773
Absent on trial and escape on 17th March, 1954	24	21	45

Number actually resident on 18th March, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book	1717	2011	3728
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DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangeor- man Mental Hospital	862	1239	2101
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	855	772	1627
Total number resident as above ...	1717	2011	3728

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2836
County of Dublin	...	...	504
County Wicklow	...	...	328
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	48
Non-district patients	...	...	12
TOTAL			3728

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. P. Donohoe proposed and Mr. T. P. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 201 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 25th February, 1954. Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

30th December, 1953.

Accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch B.M.S., we visited No. 10 Division and desire to report as follows:—

1. The method of providing fuel for the fires in this Division, particularly for the fires in the two wings, does not appear to be completely satisfactory.

We were informed that normally one of the male patients brings the fuel into the Ward. However, should the patients not feel co-operative at any particular time, the nursing staff are of necessity compelled to go out into the open and carry

buckets of fuel in. The two main fires in this Division are situated in the centre of the wards, and the sooner a change-over is made and the Divisions heated by central heating, the better from all points of view.

2. We examined the Annexe, which has been constructed within the last year, and noted that the proposed heating arrangement is by means of electric heaters. This Annexe is rather exposed to east winds, and the provision of adequate heating is a matter that requires careful consideration.

3. Care should be taken that T.B. patients are not placed in this Annexe, as there appears to be no separate washing facilities or separate cooking facilities.

4. We noted the improvements which have been made gradually in the Kitchens serving No. 10 Division. Our attention was drawn to the Mincing Machine, which is hand-operated. We formed the opinion that this Mincing Machine should be substituted by a power-operated machine because of the fact that a considerable percentage of the meat for patients requires mincing. The machine in the Division was not only hand-operated, but was old, worn and, on the day that we were there, required considerable physical effort to operate at all.

We also examined and discussed with Dr. O'Sullivan the rooms for the staff and noted that as a result of a previous inspection it had been decided not to use rooms opening on to the new Annexe as bedrooms for the nursing staff, but to use rooms that had windows giving direct fresh air for this purpose.

5. During the course of our inspection of this Division the patients themselves appeared to be as well as can be expected considering they are mostly aged and infirm, mainly bed cases. The divisions themselves were bright and clean and the patients appeared to be well cared for.

We included a visit to the main Dining Hall in the course of our inspection which, on this particular day, was a hurried one, and observed the meal in progress. The food appeared to be of good quality. However, we received the usual number of complaints from patients, mainly requests to be released from the Institution or to be transferred to Grangegorman, or for arrangements to be made for them to be brought before a medical board.

(Signed): E. TIMMONS (CHAIRMAN).
L. O'SHEA-LEAMY.
WILLIAM DONOHUE.
DENIS LARKIN.

Order. Refer to Manager.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

9th March, 1954.

1. We visited Grangegorman Mental Hospital on the 9th March. Accompanied by Dr. E. O'Brien and Miss Sharkey, we inspected the Female Kitchen and found dinner being served; it was of excellent quality. We visited Nos. 14, 15 and 19 Divisions and had a look in at the Dining Hall. The patients were mostly quiet and well behaved. We agreed that if it were possible to divide this Hall into sections and provide small tables, it would be much more comfortable for the patients. We inspected a small dining room and we were impressed with the peace that prevailed there.

2. We certainly appreciated the splendid work displayed in the Female Therapy Department and we congratulate the teachers on their efforts.

3. The Dining Hall in No. 24 Division appeared very overcrowded.

4. We visited the Stores and found everything in good order. The beef was of fair quality, mutton and bacon were excellent.

5. During our visit to the Male Therapy Department, we observed a number of the patients at tea and were of the opinion that it was much too weak. When questioned, one of the officers in charge explained that although the number of patients in the Therapy Department has increased, the ration of tea and sugar has remained the same. This was corroborated by the attendant in the Male Kitchen, and we recommend that the ration be increased.

We thank Dr. O'Brien and Miss Sharkey, who conducted us on our tour in the Female Section, and also Mr. Vero, who gave us valuable assistance in the Male Department.

W. LAWLESS.

ESSIE O'BYRNE.

JAMES ANDREWS.

Order. Refer to Manager.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

10th March, 1954.

1. An Inspection was carried out at Portrane Mental Hospital on Wednesday, 10th March, 1954.

We first of all looked into the Meat and Bread Stores. Everything was clean and tidy and we saw the Bread and Butter Machine at work. It is certainly a good investment.

2. Both the Male and Female Hospitals were bright and cheery and a credit to the Hospital Staff. The patients were very happy looking.

3. In the Dining Hall we saw both men and women having dinner. We received many requests from patients to be allowed home and we also received a number of complaints which we promised to see into.

4. We were delighted to see the walls of the Bakery were being painted.

5. The trolleys have not yet been replaced and are still being used to reach to the top ovens. This is, in our opinion, dangerous.

6. In the Therapy Division, the stove has not yet been repaired in the Tailor's Shop. We trust it will soon be put in order so that the irons may be heated.

7. The Shoemaking Shop seems to be short handed, but perhaps, this is inevitable.

8. All the patients in Divisions Nos. 2, 3 and 5 seemed very comfortable and happy.

9. We were glad to see so many attendants in No. 5. There were ten for 48 patients.

Our thanks are due to Doctors O'Sullivan and Fennelly for showing us around the various divisions.

E. TIMMONS

WILLIAM CHASE.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order. Refer to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 15th April, 1954, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ Miss M. C. Ennis.

„ Mrs. K. Nix.

Mr. John Cahill.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ Anthony Lalor.

„ T. J. Murray.

Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

12th March, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 9th instant 3,733 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	865	1229	2094
In Portrane	857	782	1639
TOTAL	1722	2011	3733
as compared with			
9th March, 1953	1635	2008	3643
9th March, 1952	1613	1943	3556
9th March, 1951	1572	1939	3511
9th March, 1950	1574	1927	3501

this year's number being 90 more than on the corresponding date in 1953 and 232 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. Male patient P. K. (2471) was missed from Grangegorman at dinner time on the 11th ultimo and is believed to have escaped on his way to the Dining Hall. He was brought back by three male nurses from the Night Shelter in Back Lane the same evening.

Male patient P. T. (4890) was missed from Grangegorman at breakfast on the 13th ultimo. The patient's father telephoned the hospital later in the morning to say that his son had arrived home and that he would not allow him to return. In the circumstances, the Chief R.M.S. decided to take no further steps to recapture him.

The Chief R.M.S. has enquired into the circumstances of these escapes and he assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection therewith.

4. Male patient J. B. (4406) and J. O'H. (6159), both liberty patients in Portrane, failed to report at tea time on the 6th ultimo. Later that night J. B. voluntarily returned to Grangegorman and J. O'H. was brought back by his father on the following day.

At about 6 p.m. on the 9th ultimo male patient P. K. (2471), of No. 3 Division, Portrane, broke a window in a storeroom and escaped. Later that night he was apprehended in Dublin and brought back to Grangegorman. The storeroom is used for keeping the private property of patients and they are accustomed to go there frequently during the day for foodstuffs, cigarettes, etc. It appears probable that while one of these patients was using the room P. K. succeeded in gaining possession of the key and, going there, locked himself in, broke the window and escaped. The

Acting Branch R.M.S. has given strict instructions that in future the key of the storeroom must be kept on the person of the Charge Nurse or safely locked away.

5. *Accidents to Patients* (Grangegorman).—Female patient L. M. C. (6668) accidentally slipped and fell in No. 22 Division on the 15th ultimo, sustaining a fracture of the left femur with little displacement. She is reported to be progressing satisfactorily and the Chief R.M.S. has assured me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident, which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. *Accidents to Patients* (Portrane).—On the 13th ultimo female patient P. K. (2471) had an altercation with another patient. Both fell to the ground and P. K. sustained a fracture of the right leg.

On the 22nd ultimo P. H. (27798) impulsively put his head through a window in No. 6 Division, sustaining a deep incised wound on the nose.

On the 24th ultimo male patient B. C. (25654) fell when going to the toilet and sustained a fracture of the right leg.

The Acting Branch R.M.S. is satisfied that there was no negligence shown by any member of the staff in connection with these incidents, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. *Accidents to Staff* (Grangegorman).—Nurse M. C. H. was struck in the abdomen by a patient on the 3rd instant and she has been off duty since that date.

Attendant A. B. was off duty from the 11th to the 28th ultimo with an injury to her back sustained in a fall.

A number of other accidents to nurses were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

Temporary plumber G. McD. sustained an injury to his ankle as a result of a fall from a ladder while working in No. 22 hospital on the 3rd instant. An X-ray examination disclosed a fracture of the ankle.

8. *Accidents to Staff* (Portrane).—Attendant E. L. was caught by the hair by a patient and fell to the ground on the 26th December. She was off duty from the 28th December to the 1st January as a result. She resumed duty on the 2nd January and went off again on the 11th January. On the 5th February she was transferred to a Dublin hospital, where she is undergoing treatment for a suspected dislocation of a cervical disc.

On the 23rd ultimo Charge Nurse P. H. fell in his home and injured his knee. He has been off duty since the 25th ultimo.

Nurse D. T. accidentally scalded his foot when on night duty on the 28th January. It became infected later and he was off duty from the 6th to the 17th February.

On the 31st January last temporary Attendant T. C. received a muscular injury to his leg when playing hurling with the hospital team. He was off duty for three days.

Nurse C. O'T., when working at home, accidentally got some lime in his eye on the 12th ultimo and was off duty for a week.

Other minor accidents to nurses are reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

T. F., charge milker, was injured when a cow trod on his right foot on the 2nd February and he was off duty for seven days.

9. During the month of February the Rush Players and the Father Mathew Players presented pantomimes at Portrane. These entertainments were greatly enjoyed by the patients.

10. At its meeting last month the Board approved in principle the purchase of a house for an Assistant Medical Officer at Grangegorman. I am now concluding negotiations for the purchase of No. 217 North Circular Road, a house located opposite the hospital grounds, for the sum of £2,100, subject to the approval of the Board and the consent of the Minister for Health. The Minister has indicated that he is prepared to consent to the proposed purchase.

The house has been inspected by the Board's Architect and is reported to be in good condition. The accommodation is as follows:—

BASEMENT	Breakfast room and kitchen.
GROUND FLOOR RETURN	Lavatory.
GROUND FLOOR	Living room & drawing room.
FIRST FLOOR RETURN	Bathroom.
FIRST FLOOR	Three bedrooms and W.C.

The house is held under lease for 99 years from the 25th March, 1951, subject to a ground rent of £10 per annum. The Poor Law Valuation is £25. A fee of 2½% of the purchase price will be payable to the house agents who have been acting on the Board's behalf in the matter. I request the Board's approval to the purchase of the house for £2,100 plus 2½% fees, subject to examination of title and to the formal consent of the Minister for Health.

11. Work on the six new staff houses at Portrane is progressing satisfactorily. Foundations and rising walls are completed and bricklaying has commenced.

12. The sum provided for painting work at Grangegorman in the Estimates for 1954-55 is £5,000. The Clerk of Works has drawn up a Schedule of the work to be carried out at an estimated cost of £4,050, leaving a balance of £950 for contingencies and additions which may become necessary during the year.

13. The Special Building Committee in their report on the draft list of works for inclusion in the Estimates for 1954/55 commented on the manner in which road repairs were carried out at Grangegorman and asked for further information on the subject.

The Clerk of Works has reported on the two principal repairs carried out during the current year, viz. (i) approximately 1,000 square yards around Divisions 23 and 23a and the Catholic Chapel and (ii) approximately 750 square yards from the Gate Lodge to the tunnel. Both jobs were carried out by direct labour and the cost in the first case for sweeping, preparing surface, filling depressions, laying 2-inch tar macadam, spraying, blinding and rolling was 6/- per square yard; for the second job the cost of sweeping, preparing, double spraying, blinding and rolling was 4/- per square yard. The Clerk of Works reports that these figures compare favourably with the cost of having the work carried out by contract, and he proposes to carry out by direct labour the programme for the coming year.

14. I have accepted the following tenders for the supply of furniture to the New Male Visiting Hall at Grangegorman:—

WILLIAM WALSH & Co., LTD.

110 oak tables @ £3 each ...	£330	0s.	0d.
550 oak chairs @ £1 10s. 0d. each ...	£825	0s.	0d.

J. & D. McILVENNA.

2 upholstered benches and 2 stools ...	£21	9s.	6d.
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DUBLIN WOODWORKING Co.

Furniture and Fittings for Male O.T.

Department ...	£390	2s.	9d.
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£1,566 12s. 3d.

15. The Clerk of Works, Grangegorman, reports that it will be necessary to provide for the following during the coming financial year, *viz.*:—

	<i>Estimated cost</i>
(i) Renewal of defective floors in Nos. 1 and 3 Male Division Dayrooms ...	£ 2,000
(ii) Installation of steam extraction unit in scullery of Male General Kitchen ...	350
(iii) Installation of steam extraction unit in Female General Kitchen ...	500
(iv) Bed pan washer for Female Infirmary	200
(v) Twin Rapid press for Laundry ...	350
(vi) Tow car for Fire Pump ...	500
	£3,900

As these works are of a capital nature, I deleted them from the draft list for inclusion in the general Estimate, and I now recommend the raising of a loan of £5,500 to finance them and the cost of the furniture referred to in the preceding paragraph. I recommend that this sum be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of ten years in equal half-yearly instalments of principal, with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935.

16. I have accepted the following tenders for the supply of nursing staff uniform clothing, boots and shoes during the year ending 31st March, 1955:—

PIN BROS. LTD.

Male Nurses' Boots @ £1 12s. 0d. a pair

Male Nurses' Shoes @ £1 9s. 5d. ..

DENSON, LTD.

Female Nurses' Shoes @ £1 6s. 9d. a pair

McBIRNEY, LTD.

Head Male Nurses' Caps	@	£1 12s. 6d.	each
Deputy Head Male Nurses' Caps	@	£1 10s. 0d.	..
Male Nurses' Caps	@	12s. 9d.	..
Women's Slips (W)	@	£2 14s. 6d.	a dozen
Women's Slips (OS)	@	£3 12s. 7d.	..
Women's Slips (XOS)	@	£4 1s. 8d.	..

PIM BROS. LTD.

Head & Deputy Head Male Nurses' Uniforms	@	£10 5s. 0d.	each
Male Nurses' Uniforms	@	£9 2s. 6d.	..
Male Nurses' Extra Trousers	@	£2 18s. 6d.	..
Male Nurses' Overcoats	@	£5 12s. 9d.	..
Nurses' Belts	@	£1 10s. 6d.	dozen
Nurses' Vests 36"	@	£1 16s. 0d.	..
Nurses' Vests 40"	@	£2 4s. 0d.	..
Men's Socks	@	£2 6s. 8d.	..

TODD BURNS & Co., LTD.

Female Nurses' Overcoats	@	£5 15s. 0d.	each
Female Nurses' Aprons (W)	@	10s. 6d.	..
Female Nurses' Aprons (OS)	@	11s. 8d.	..
Nurses' Caps	@	19s. 3d.	dozen
Nurses' Collars	@	£1 1s. 8d.	..
Nurses' Cuffs	@	£1 3s. 11d.	..
Nurses' Knickers (W)	@	£1 17s. 6d.	..
Nurses' Knickers (OS)	@	£2 7s. 0d.	..
Nurses' Knickers (XOS)	@	£2 7s. 11d.	..
Men's Shirts	@	15s. 6d.	each
Men's Ties	@	£1 4s. 6d.	dozen

SMYTH & Co., LTD.

Nurses' Stockings	@	£1 15s. 0d.	doz. pairs
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D. KELLETT, LTD.

Nurses' Uniform Dresses (38" — 44")	@	£1 3s. 9d.	each
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MRS. UNA CLARKE

Nurses' Cardigans (W)	@	£1 7s. 8d.	each
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Nurses' Cardigans (OS)	@	£1 10s. 0d.	"
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Nurses' Cardigans (XOS)	@	£1 12s. 6d.	"
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17. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager and the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Walker, Ltd., in the sum of £700 7s. 2d. for the supply and installation of milk cooling plants at Portrane and Turvey Farms, as being the most advantageous of three tenders received. A sum of £550 was included in the current year's estimates for this work—the balance of the cost will be charged to contingencies.

18. I have approved also a recommendation of the Agricultural Manager to purchase a Combine Seed and Fertilizer Drill from Messrs. T. Lenehan and Co., Ltd., for £205 16s. 3d., being the lowest of three tenders received. Special provision had not been made for the purchase of this machine, but the Agricultural Manager advises that the cost can be met out of the general provision for the Farm in in this year's estimates.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

18th March, 1954.

19. Since 14th ultimo 54 male and 59 female patients were admitted, total 113. One hundred and six of these were chargeable patients, of whom 61 were temporary, 20

were voluntary, and 16 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted four Private Patients (three voluntary and one temporary), two by Order of the Minister for Justice, and one for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, from Killarney Mental Hospital.

20. It was the practice for the former Joint Committee to hold its Estimates Meeting on the third Thursday in January each year. In 1940 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health made an Order prescribing the third Thursday in December as the date of the Estimates Meeting, but, at the request of the Joint Committee, this date was changed by another Order to the second Thursday in January. It would be more convenient if the Estimates Meeting were held on the third Thursday in January, which is the day on which the stated monthly meeting of the Board is ordinarily held. Subject to the approval of the Board and the concurrence of the contributing authorities, I propose to ask the Minister to make an Order changing the date of the Estimates Meeting to the third Thursday in January each year.

21. Further to Paragraph 24 of my report to the Board last month, I have been advised by the Department of Health that the Minister has no objections to the drawings, specification and bills of quantities prepared by the Board's Consulting Engineer in connection with the first part of the scheme for improving the water supply at Grangegorman. Tenders will be invited at an early date for the external mains and water storage tanks—the builders' work in connection with the scheme will be carried out by direct labour.

22. The following are particulars of tenders for General Supplies accepted for the six months' period ending 30th September, 1954:—

WHOLESALE MEATS, LTD.			Price April, 1953.
Prime Beef ...	At £10 0s. 8d. cwt.	} d/d G's'man.	£10 0s. 8d. cwt.
Prime Wether	At £11 13s. 4d. cwt.		£11 13s. 4d. cwt.
Mutton.			
Sheep Liver ...	At 2s. 10d. per lb.		2s. 10d. lb.
Mutton Cutlets	At 3s. ..		3s. lb.

W. P. LUCAS, LTD.		
Irish Creamery Butter.	At £22 2s. 0d. cwt. d/d G'man	£22 5s. 6d. cwt. d/d G'orman.
	At £22 3s. 0d. cwt. d/d P'rane	£22 6s. 2d. cwt. d/d Portrane.
	Less 5s. per box for empties returned.	Less 5s. per box for empties.
New Zealand Butter	At £19 10s. 4d. cwt. d/d G'orman and Portrane.	

W. J. MOLLOY, Killybegs.		
Fillets of cod, hake haddock or ling.	At 1s. 5½d. per lb.	1s. 9d. lb.
Whiting ...	At 8½d. per lb. d/d G'orman and P'rane.	11d. lb., d/d G'man ½d. per lb. extra d/d Portrane.

M. & P. HANLON, LTD.		
Chickens ...	At 2s. 6d. lb. d/d G'orman ... At 3s. 8d. lb. d/d Portrane.	4s. lb. d/d G'man and Portrane.

HILL & SONS, LTD.		
Weaving Yarns	At 7s. 3d. lb. ...	7s. 3d. lb.
Finishing Twood	At 11d. per yard d/d G'man and Amiens St. Stn.	1s. yd. d/d G'man & Amiens St. Stn.

DROGHEDA OATMEAL MILLING CO., LTD.			Price April, 1953
Flake Oatmeal	At £61 per ton d/d G'man and Portrane.		£54 per ton G'man & Portrane.

CARTON BROS., LTD.		
Selected Eggs ...	At 32s. 6d. per 120 d/d G'man	33s. 4d. per 120.

WM. MURPHY (GORVAGH), LTD.		
Selected Eggs ...	At 27s. per 120 d/d Portrane	31s. 5d. per 120.

JOHN P. KEANE.

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 9. The Board records its appreciation of the kindness of the Rush Players and the Father Mathew Players in presenting these entertainments for patients in Portrane.

Par. 10. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Alderman C. Breathnach: "That the purchase of No. 217 North Circular Road on the terms proposed by the Manager be approved." Passed unanimously.

Par. 13. Noted.

Par. 15. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Gilbert Hughes: "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £5,500 (Five Thousand Five Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of defraying the cost of sundry works and equipment at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, as described in detail in the Manager's Report of 12th March, 1954, to the Board; the said sum of £5,500 to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over a period of ten years, with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935. Passed unanimously.

Par. 20. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated February, 1954, from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd., enclosing for completion a form of appointment of a nominee to represent the Board and on

their behalf to vote and exercise every right and power incidental to membership.

Order. Councillor Mrs. K. Nix proposed and Councillor T. J. Murray seconded: "That Councillor Denis Larkin be appointed as the Board's nominee." Passed unanimously.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 203.

25th March, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 25th day of March, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:—Councillor James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Sean Dunne, T.D., Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

25th March, 1954.

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since my last report on the 25th ultimo, milk supplies have been fully maintained and both hospitals have received a slight daily surplus. The present daily supply is 288 gallons to Grangegorman and about 250 gallons to Portrane. The present daily production from 255 cows is 548 gallons or nearly 2.2 gallons per cow.

The following is an analysis of the present daily production:—

4 gallons to 5 gallons	...	5 cows
3 " " 4 " "	...	46 "
2 " " 3 " "	...	89 "
1 " " 2 " "	...	100 "
Under 1 gallon	...	15 "

2. Purchases and Sales of Livestock.—During the month of February the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold:—

(a)	Total cost	Av. per beast	Av. per cwt. L.W.
1 bullock ...	£62 7s. 0d.	—	£6 4s. 9d.
3 fat heifers ...	£149 4s. 6d.	£49 14s. 1d.	£6 8s. 4d.
40 sheep ...	£401 10s. 0d.	£10 0s. 9d.	—
1 fat pig ...	£18 0s. 0d.	—	—
1 horse ...	£62 10s. 0d.	—	—

1 stock boar was purchased at the R.D.S. March sales for £47 5s. 0d.

(b)

17 calves, 1 at £13 10s., 2 at £13, 1 at £12 10s., 1 at £12, 1 at £9, 8 at £8, and 3 at £6 10s., total £156 10s. 0d.

18 store pigs transferred to Grangegorman

@ £9 each

Total £162 0s. 0d.

12 store pigs transferred to Grangegorman

@ £8 each

Total £96 0s. 0d.

18 store pigs transferred to Grangegorman

@ £7 10s. each

Total £135 0s. 0d.

Total for all pigs transferred £393 0s. 0d.

3. Bulls.—A young Hereford bull, fourteen months old, was purchased at the R.D.S. March Sales for £215 5s. 0d. This bull is being used for insemination purposes and so far has proved satisfactory. The young shorthorn bull is now fit for service and I propose to use him in a limited capacity in the near future. There are now in the herd two Friesian, two Shorthorn and two Hereford bulls. As I am of opinion that the herd is overstocked with bulls at the moment, I would recommend the sale of the 3½ year old Hereford bull, Croner Adventure, and the 8½ year old Shorthorn, Albert Ambassador, 13th, sire of the young Shorthorn bull.

4. *Mastitis*.—Some cases of acute mastitis are occurring among the milch cows, but the incidence of the disease is slight in Turvey and Ballymastone farms. The majority of cases are responding to treatment. Three cases of black spot have occurred and these so far have failed to respond to treatment.

5. *Grass*.—The spring manuring of the grasslands is now well advanced on Portrane, Turvey and Ballymastone Farms. Grass is very backward and growth is slow. Cows will be let out to graze by day this week on a few of the more forward fields. The present supply of silage will last until the end of the current month, while there is sufficient hay for fodder until adequate supplies of grass are available.

6. *Crops*.—Owing to the very late spring and recent heavy rainfall, the land is still in a very wet condition and all tillage work is backward. About 20 acres of winter wheat was sown in one of the drier fields at Turvey, but to date it has not been found possible to sow any spring wheat or early potatoes. The spreading of farmyard manure on ley ground for potatoes and the ploughing of ley and broken ground is in progress. About two-thirds of the work of the laying of main drains, sub-soiling and mole-draining of grasslands at Turvey farm is completed.

7. *Sanctuary Court*.—The present stock on this farm is 83 yearlings and four two-year old heifers. About 20 of the young stock are out day and night and the remainder are yarded. To date no artificial manures have been applied to the grasslands of this farm. Grass will be backward here as the lands were heavily stocked all winter and spring.

JAMES HAYES.

Orders made thereon:—

Pars. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7: Noted.

Par. 3: Approved.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

PORTRANE.

25th March, 1954.

1. *Crops*.—The area under vegetables in season at the moment is:— $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres broccoli, 1 acre of leeks, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres scallions and 1 ton onions in storage. This is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the two institutions and we are supplementing the fresh vegetable supply with dried peas. Some of the Spring cabbage may be fit for cutting in about three weeks time.

2. *Tillage and Sowings*.—Owing to the inclement weather and wet condition of the soil, very little spring work is being carried out at the moment. The following table is a comparison of progress of work for the corresponding period of last year and the present period:—

Sown	Onions	Parsnips	Seed beds	Cabbage Planted	Tillage
25/3/53	6 acres	4 acres	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre	3 acres	12 acres
25/3/54	$1\frac{1}{2}$..	—	—	—	6 ..

3. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens*.—The tomato-house has been fumigated and prepared for planting. Lettuce, beans, peas, parsley and turnip seeds were sown.

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4. 3 acres have been ploughed and tilled in preparation for crops. Small sowings of lettuce, peas, beans, leeks and parsley have been made.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order. Noted.

INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS.

1st December, 1953.

1. On the 1st December 1953, we visited our Farms and Gardens. At Turvey we inspected the cows and found them to be a mixed lot, good and bad. We observed a number of cows on the old side but we realize how difficult it is to replace them. We inspected a splendid lot of bulling heifers and it will be surprising if the most of them do not turn out first class milkers. The Farm Manager informed us that they had been very carefully selected and no doubt they would bring a big price if they were put on the open market.

2. We inspected the drainage of a forty acre field at Turvey and we were pleased to learn that this work has been executed by man power and not by machinery as in previous years. We were also glad to learn that this work will prove cheaper than the estimate received from a contractor that proposed to do the drainage by machinery, and we heartily congratulate the Farm Manager and particularly the men who have carried out this splendid job of work.

3. At Ballymastone we inspected a large number of calves and found them healthy and thriving. The fodder beet on Turvey and Ballymastone was easily the best we have seen to date and the silage at the former of excellent quality. We viewed a splendid Shorthorn bull at Ballymastone and we feel he is a real champion. We discussed the possibility of showing this bull but our Farm Manager advised against it and we are sure his reasons for not doing so are sound.

4. We inspected all our stock at Portrane Farm and found everything satisfactory. Mr. Hayes pointed out the cows purchased lately and some had good appearance of milk. Our own heifers that have been reared in the place looked promising.

5. We thank our Farm Manager for a very interesting tour of inspection.

W. LAWLESS.

JOHN SMITHERS.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

5th March, 1954.

On Friday, 12th February, accompanied by Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager, we inspected the farms and farmyards at Portrane, Ballymaastone and Turvey. In each place the work was proceeding as necessitated by the period of the year. All the livestock appeared in very good condition. We noted the pigs in stock were mostly bonhams, and very few porkers.

The work on the farm was partly held up by the wet weather. We also inspected the Garden, accompanied by the Foreman and found things in order.

We would like to thank Mr. Hayes and the garden foreman for their assistance during this inspection.

Signed: SEAN DUNNE, T.D.

THOMAS P. O'REILLY, P.C.

WILLIAM DONOHUE, T.C.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

11th March, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Mr. Hayes, we visited Turvey Farm where we inspected a fine crop of potatoes being brought in from the pits for sorting and grading. We were struck by

the big percentage of abnormally large tubers. The handling of such a large crop appeared very efficient and reflects great credit on all concerned.

2. The fine collection of young stock and cows on this farm and the conditions under which they are looked after leaves nothing to be desired. Great progress is being made in drainage and general improvement.

3. At Ballymastone a fine job of clearing and development work along the front avenue is being carried out. In the farmyard proper the improvement in the ventilation of the calf sheds has been very well done and the conditions there now are ideal; the calves appear in the pink of condition. The road entrance along by the sheds is in very bad condition and requires to be raised and rolled to eliminate flooding and mud in wet weather, concreting would, of course, be the ideal solution.

4. Mr. Wolohan showed us over the gardens where, in spite of recent unfavourable weather, good progress is being made. Early sowings must be somewhat difficult owing to the wet season, particularly in the reclaimed gardens where the place is low and the soil heavy. Consideration should be given at an early date to bridging the canal to enable the reclaimed gardens to be used more extensively and allow the old gardens to be rested.

5. We inspected the Farmyard and found everything in order. We also inspected the meat store where we saw supplies being brought in. We were informed that the refrigerator was out of order but that steps were being taken to repair it.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their help.

E. TIMMONS.

J. ANDREWS.

W. J. COLMAN.

GILBERT HUGHES.

Orders made thereon:—

Para. 1, 2 and 5. Noted.

Para. 3 and 4. Refer to Chief Engineer.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to 22nd April 1954, date of next meeting of Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

.. C. M. Byrne.

.. William Lawless.

Mr. John Smithers.

K. KEANE,

Acting Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 204.**15th April, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 15th day of April, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman), in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Richard Keane, Anthony Lalor, Denis Larkin, Timothy J. Murray, P.C., Messrs. William Chase, John Jones, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and James O'Neill.

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Councillor G. Hughes.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 202 of the 18th March, 1954) were confirmed and signed.

CONDOLENCE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) proposed and Councillor C. M. Byrne seconded "That we learn with great regret of the death of Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan, for many years Resident Medical Superintendent of the Board's Hospitals, and we tender to his family our sincerest sympathy with them in their bereavement" and

"We tender to Mr. John Cahill our deepest sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained in the death of his wife."

Both resolutions were passed in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 17th March to 14th April, 1954, as under, was submitted and signed:—

				Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 17th						
March, 1954	...	...		1,741	2,032	3,773
Admitted to 14th April, 1954	...			61	56	117
		Total	...	1,802	2,088	3,890
Discharged to 14th						
April, 1954	...	43	39	82		
Died to do.	...	11	11	22		
Escaped to do.	...	—	—	—		
				54	50	104
Remaining on Hospital Register						
on 14th April, 1954	...			1,748	2,038	3,786
Absent on trial and escape on						
14th April, 1954	...			12	28	40
Number actually Resident on						
15th April, 1954, as per Morn-						
ing Statement Book	...			1,736	2,010	3,746

DISTRIBUTION.

	Males	Females	Total
Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital ...	880	1,230	2,110
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	856	780	1,636
Total number resident as above on 14th April, 1954 ...	1,736	2,010	3,746

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	2,844
County of Dublin ...	506
County Wicklow ...	330
Criminal Lunatics ...	47
Non-district patients ...	19
TOTAL ...	3,746

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor C. M. Byrne seconded the adoption of Report No. 203 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 25th March, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

20th March, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Miss McCormack, Deputy Matron, we visited Grangegorman Mental Hospital on 20th March,

1954, and in the course of our inspection, which was principally on the female side, we found all dormitories, dayrooms and visiting rooms clean and well aired. In the kitchen we found the dinners were being served. The food was of good quality, consisting of roast beef, plenty of fresh vegetables, potatoes and rice pudding. The hospital patients were served with fish or eggs. There were no complaints but there were the usual requests to get home.

2. In the Therapy rooms stocktaking was taking place, but we saw that there was a plentiful supply of material to carry on the good work. Mending and making was also in progress.

3. In the hospital wards the patients were well cared for and all looked happy. They had no complaints.

In conclusion, we thank Miss McCormack who gave us such valuable assistance during our inspection.

E. TIMMONS.

K. NIX.

M. C. ENNIS.

Order : Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

24th March, 1954

1. On Wednesday, 24th March, we visited Portrane, where we were met by Dr. O'Sullivan, who very kindly stayed with us throughout the day.

Before lunch we visited Nos. 9 and 11 Divisions where the Mid-day meal was being served. We were impressed by the cheerful, airy atmosphere and by the cleanliness of the dormitories and day rooms. The food appeared to be ample.

2. We noted that an invalid chair being used by one of the female patients needed repairs.

In No. 6 Hospital Division we were introduced to a patient who was being kept very busy repairing lacework for the church. The landing walls outside this Division show signs of dampness. The brickwork needs pointing, perhaps.

3. As usual our lunch was far below the Grangegorman standard and very cold. Would it be possible to have a small hot plate fitted or at least to have the dishes covered and the plates heated? We felt that no real effort was made to provide us with a hot, appetising meal.

4. In the afternoon we visited the main kitchen and noted that there was a shortage of male workers for cleaning floors and carrying in milk and potatoes. An electric cleaner of some sort would be of great assistance here and in the passages. The new water boilers in the kitchen are a great success.

5. We saw the roller press in action in the laundry. It is satisfactory, but it and the suit presser cannot be used together because of the lack of power. The small Hagspiel presser is very efficient, but parts are a problem. The door between the passage and the laundry should be removed and replaced as it has become badly infected with wood-worm.

6. The Librarian has made a good job of indexing the books. She told us that she had 999 books in stock.

7. In the Female Therapy Department all the work being done is by hand. It seems a shame that no looms are installed. We wish to thank Dr. O'Sullivan and all other

members of the staff for their patience and courtesy and to compliment them on the wonderful cleanliness of the divisions visited.

(Signed) ANTHONY LALOR.
TIMOTHY J. MURRAY.
EUGENE TIMMONS.
ESSIE O'BYRNE.

Order : See Paragraph 22 of Manager's Report of this date.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 20th May, 1954, date of next meeting of the Board :—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
" James Andrews.
" W. J. Colman.
Mr. T. O'Reilly.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
" Mrs. Catherine Byrne.
" Richard Keane.
Mr. John Smithers.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

9th April, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 6th instant 3,730 patients, viz. :—

		Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	...	874	1,219	2,093
In Portrane	...	856	781	1,637
Total	...	1,730	2,000	3,730

as compared with :—

6th April, 1953	...	1,647	2,024	3,671
6th April, 1952	...	1,615	1,976	3,591
6th April, 1951	...	1,576	1,943	3,519
6th April, 1950	...	1,580	1,911	3,491

this year's number being 59 more than on the corresponding date in 1953, and 239 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. On the 31st ultimo male patient W. T. (3037), (aged 58 years), Grangegorman, went to visit his wife who is a patient in the Female House. At 4.50 p.m. a male nurse found him lying near the entrance to the laundry. The nurse summoned a doctor and the Catholic Chaplain immediately, but the patient was found to be dead. A post mortem examination revealed coronary sclerosis and chronic aortic disease, and the Coroner did not deem an inquest necessary.

4. On the 22nd ultimo when the patients were leaving No. 7 division dayroom, J. McG. (6553), a male liberty patient, jumped through a window and, although followed immediately by the Charge Nurse, escaped in the darkness. Every available nurse searched the grounds but without result. The escape has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).*—When admitted on the 14th ultimo, male patient M. H. (6920) had a jagged wound which was only skin deep on the front of the neck. Two stitches had been inserted in a Dublin Hospital before admission. He had also a superficial wound along the right radial artery. The patient is progressing satisfactorily.

6. *Accidents to Patients (Portrane).*—On the 15th ultimo, female patient M. B. (36180), aged 74 years, became weak while sitting in a chair in the dayroom of No. 1 division and fell to the ground, sustaining a fracture of the right hip. She was transferred to Grangegorman for X-ray and treatment.

The Acting Branch R.M.S. is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this incident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. *Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman).*—Nurse E. C. was off duty from the 13th to the 16th ultimo with a sprained ankle sustained while getting off a bus.

A number of accidents to staff while on duty occurred during the past month, none of which caused incapacity.

8. *Accidents to Staff (Portrane).*—On the 26th February, Male Nurse M. D. fractured a bone in his foot when working in his garden. He has been off duty since the 27th ultimo.

A number of other accidents to nurses were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

9. The reconstruction of part of the temporary buildings at Grangegorman is proceeding satisfactorily. The concrete roof band has been completed and roof joists are in place.

The Minister has approved the plans and specification for the mechanical and electrical services in this building, subject to some minor alterations. Tenders have been obtained for these services and they are at present under examination by the Board's Consulting Engineer.

10. The construction of six new staff houses at Portrane by direct labour is also proceeding satisfactorily. The walls have reached eill level on the ground floor.

11. The Minister for Health has approved of acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McCann, Ltd., 19/20 Ellis Quay, for the mechanical services in the two new units at Portrane, being the lowest of eight tenders received. This firm's tender amounted to £35,355 but subsequent to receipt of tenders the Department of Health suggested economies in the installation which are expected to reduce the cost by about £9,000. In the circumstances the Minister suggested that the contract should be placed on the basis of a measured contract rather than a lump sum contract, so that only the actual work carried out would be measured and charged at the schedule of rates on which the original price was based. This has been done.

12. On the 25th ultimo the Minister for Health approved the proposal to construct a new Nurses' Home at Portrane to accommodate 70 female nurses in the area between the female chronic block and Portrane House. The Board's Architect has been instructed to prepare a detailed schedule of accommodation.

13. The Board's Architect has prepared working drawings and draft specifications for the new Stores Building at Grange-gorman and they have been forwarded to the Department of Health for the Minister's approval.

14. He has also prepared draft sketch plans for the new residence for the Branch R.M.S. at Portrane which I have approved.

15. I have received to-day from the Department of Health a communication about the recommendations made by the Board's Consulting Engineer for the replacement of the steam boilers, etc., and electricity generating plant at Portrane. The Department recommends that the Board should examine further the question of obtaining a supply of electricity from the Electricity Supply Board instead of installing a new private generating plant. They point out that if this course were adopted, the present boilers might be capable of giving further useful service. I have referred the Department's letter to the Consulting Engineer for immediate consideration and report.

16. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works I have accepted the tender of Messrs A. & G. Bogan for the supply of two steam heated cupboards which are required for No. 22 kitchen and No. 24 kitchen at Grange-gorman. Nine tenders were received and Messrs. Bogan's at £100 each was the lowest.

17. The Chief Engineer at Portrane has reported that the cinema and stage sound amplification system installed on trial by the Western Electric Co. has proved satisfactory. Tenders for this equipment were obtained in March, 1953, and a number of tests has been carried out in the interval. The cost of the equipment supplied by the Western Electric Co. is £1,000 and I have agreed to purchase it on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that it is the most satis-

factory of all the systems offered. A sum of £380 was provided for this purpose in the official Estimate for 1952-53, but this of course, is no longer available. I would ask the Board to authorise the expenditure of a sum of £1,090 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1953-54 for the purchase of this equipment.

18. The contractor whose tender was accepted for the supply of fish during the six months ending 30/9/54, viz., W. J. Molloy, Killybegs, has informed me that he is unable to proceed with the contract owing to the difficulty of obtaining cold storage accommodation locally. In the circumstances I have accepted the next lowest tenders, viz., Patrick Kelly, 25 Moore Street, for fresh whiting at 10d. per lb. delivered Grangegorman and Portrane, and M. & P. Hanlon, Ltd., for cod, hake, haddock or ling at 2s. 5d. per lb. delivered Grangegorman, and 2s. 5½d. per lb. delivered Portrane.

19. The Minister for Health has made an Order entitled the Health Act, 1953 (Date of Commencement) Order, 1954, which fixes commencing dates for the remaining provisions of the Health Act, 1953. Sections 15 and 71 of the Act, which come into operation on the 1st August next, concern the Board. The effect of these Sections is being examined and a further report will be submitted when the Minister has made the necessary regulations.

20. The Rev. A. C. Kennedy, M.A., who has held the post of Protestant Chaplain at Portrane since May, 1944, has tendered his resignation in view of his forthcoming transfer from Donabate to Monkstown Parish.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

15th April, 1954.

21. Since 14th March 57 male and 54 female patients were admitted, total 111. One hundred and two of these were chargeable patients, of whom 43 were Temporary, 28 were Voluntary and 31 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted three Private Patients (2 Voluntary and one Temporary), one by order of Minister for Justice, and five under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, for special treatment from Kilkenny, Killarney (2), Clonmel and Monaghan Mental Hospitals.

22. With reference to the Inspections carried out at Portrane on 30th December by Councillors E. Timmons, Mrs. O'Shea Leamy, W. P. Donohoe and D. Larkin, and on 10th March by Councillors E. Timmons, W. J. Colman, Mrs. Catherine Byrne and Mr. William Chase, I have to report :—

INSPECTION 30/12/1953.

Item (i)—There are fuel containers in each ward which are kept filled by a male patient under the direction of the Charge Nurse. Should the male patient not feel co-operative at any time, the Charge Nurse is expected to arrange for one of her nurses, with or without a female patient, to look after the fires.

Item (ii)—The Chief Engineer reports that the four 3KW electric heaters should be adequate for this extension. The electric heating is a temporary arrangement only, and the Board's Consulting Engineer is dealing with the question of installing a central heating plant.

Item (iv)—Tenders are being invited for power mincers and they will be purchased if the expense appears justified.

INSPECTION 10/3/1954.

Item (v)—A trolley for reaching the top ovens was made some years ago but it has not been used. The Baker informed the Chief Engineer that he and the patients prefer to use the existing dough troughs. It is suggested that the next Visiting Committee might discuss this question with the Chief Engineer and the Baker.

Item (vi)—It has been found impossible to procure a new stove of this type and pressure of work did not permit the repair of the old one. The Chief Engineer hopes to put the repair in hands at an early date.

23. I have signed to-day an agreement, which has been approved by the Board's Law Adviser, to purchase the house No. 217 North Circular Road, and I have authorised payment of a deposit of £525, representing one-fourth of the purchase price.

24. With reference to the Inspection at Portrane on the 24th March by Councillors E. Timmons, A. Lalor, T. J. Murray and Mrs. E. O'Byrne, I have to report:—

Item (ii)—The invalid chair referred to will be repaired. The dampness on the landing of No. 6 female division is being investigated by the Chief Engineer.

Item (iii)—Steps will be taken to ensure that the lunch provided for members will be satisfactory in future.

Item (iv)—The Acting Branch R.M.S. reports that there is no shortage of male or female kitchen workers at present.

Item (v)—The Chief Engineer is investigating the complaint about the laundry machinery, but he does not

understand the reference to the "Hagspiel" presser. The doors referred to are infected with wood worm and the infected parts will be replaced.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon :—

Par. 10. Manager to examine the possibility of constructing additional staff houses at Grangegorman.

Par. 17. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Denis Larkin "That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £1,090 (One Thousand and Ninety Pounds) in excess of the amount provided in the Official Estimate and Demand for 1953-54 on a sound amplification system for Portrane."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 22. Trolleys in the bakery at Portrane to be examined by the Visiting Committee for the ensuing month.

NURSING STAFF.

The Chairman read a joint letter dated 12th April, which he had received from the Irish Women Workers' Union, the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and the Workers' Union of Ireland regarding an application which they had made for an increase in the number of nurses employed in the Board's Hospitals which they considered insufficient, and asking the Board to receive a deputation. The Board agreed to receive the deputation and a statement was made by the representatives of each of the Trade Unions.

When the deputation had withdrawn it was decided unanimously, on the motion of Councillor A. Lalor, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, that a copy of the letter from the Trade Unions

and a report from the Manager should be circulated to members of the Board for consideration in Committee on a date to be arranged later.

Arising out of this matter, reference was made to a statement circulated to the press by the Irish Women Workers' Union about staffing and accommodation in the Board's Hospitals.

On the motion of Mr. J. Jones, seconded by Councillor Anthony Lalor, the following resolution was adopted unanimously :—

"That the Board deplores the action of the Irish Women Workers' Union in issuing this statement to the press, which it considers was quite unwarranted."

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 205.**22nd April, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 22nd day of April, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:—Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.*22nd April, 1954.*

1. *Milk Supplies.*—Since my last Report on the 25th ultimo, supplies of milk to both hospitals have been well maintained and it was not necessary to purchase any milch cows. Daily supplies to Grangegorman and Portrane at present are 288 and 240 gallons, respectively. There are 245 cows milking, giving a total daily production of 552 gallons or 2.25 gallons per cow.

The following Table shows an analysis of the present daily yield of the cows in milk :—

Over 5 gallons ...	...	2 cows
4 gallons to 5 gallons ...	10	"
3 " 4 " ...	48	"
2 " 3 " ...	81	"
1 " 2 " ...	90	"
Under 1 gallon ...	14	"

2. *Purchase and Sale of Livestock.*—During the month of March the following livestock was (a) purchased, and (b) sold :—

	Total Cost.			Average.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(a) 3 bullocks ...	182	14	0	60	18	0
1 fat heifer ...	46	7	0	—	—	—
41 sheep ...	434	3	0	10	11	9
1 bull ...	215	5	0	—	—	—
1 boar ...	47	5	0	—	—	—
1 horse ...	56	0	0	—	—	—

(b) 17 calves were sold for the following prices :—1 for £14; 2 at £13 10s.; 1 for £13; 1 for £10; 1 for £8; 1 for £7 10s.; 8 at £7 and 2 at £6 10s., total £148 10s. 0d.; 20 store pigs at £8 each were sold to Crooksling Sanatorium; 24 store pigs at £9 each were transferred to Grangegorman.

3. *Mastitis.*—A new product for the control of mastitis is now being used. This disinfectant is added to the water with which udders are washed prior to milking, and since it has been introduced only one fresh case of mastitis occurred at Portrane, and this case responded quickly to treatment.

4. *Grass.*—Most of the grassland has received the basic spring manuring. This work was held up temporarily in order to concentrate labour and machinery on other crops.

but it will be continued and completed within the next week or so. All new pastures have made satisfactory progress and milch cows are now out on pasture day and night. Some of the permanent pastures which were grazed during the winter are still backward. Grazing could have been started somewhat earlier but as the land was wet and soft, it was feared that permanent damage would be done to the fields by the trampling of herds of cows.

5. Crops.—As compared with the corresponding date last year the spring work is considerably backward.

To date 95 acres of wheat out of a total acreage of approximately 119, have been sown. The manuring for this crop is $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 cwts. of potassic super per statute acre drilled in with the combine seed and fertiliser drill.

As yet no barley or oats have been sown but if the weather remains dry these crops together with the remainder of the wheat should be in before the end of the month.

Ten statute acres of the total area intended for fodder beet have been sown. The remainder, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, is now ready and should be sown in a few days time.

To date 21 statute acres of first and second early potatoes have been planted; $17\frac{1}{2}$ statute acres of ley ground intended for this crop have yet to be dressed with farmyard manure and ploughed. A field of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres of manured and ploughed ground set aside for potatoes was given to the Gardener, and this reduces the area to 92 acres. At this stage it is not possible to forecast when the whole crop might be in.

6. Santry Court.—All grasslands on this farm have received a dressing of artificials. Fourteen acres of ley ground have been ploughed for oats.

Young stock have been out on grass since the beginning of the month and there is sufficient grass for the amount of stock on the pastures. It is expected that the pastures will carry greater numbers of stock in the near future.

The present stock is 86 yearling heifers.

JAMES HAYES,
Agricultural Manager.

Order.—Noted.

22nd April, 1954.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

PORTRANE.

1. *Crops.*—The area under vegetables in season at the moment is :— $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres broccoli, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres scallions, and $\frac{1}{4}$ ton of onions in storage.

The spring cabbage crops will be fit for cutting in about a week's time.

2. *Tillage and Sowings.*—25 acres have been manured, tilled and prepared for crops, of this 3 acres of cabbage have been planted, 6 acres onions, 5 acres parsnips, 3 acres swede turnips and 1 acre of carrots have been sown.

3. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.*—The tomato house has been fumigated and planted. Fruit trees have received two applications of lime sulphur spray as a preventive against scab. Other work carried out consisted of sowing peas, beans, lettuce, parsley and turnips.

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4. About 3 acres of ground have been ploughed, tilled and sown with the following crops :—

Beans, peas, parsley, lettuce, brussel sprouts and turnips.

A belt of cupressus macrocarpa has been planted at back of Annexe buildings. Recreation grounds and shubberies are in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,
Head Gardener.

Order.—Noted.

 APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 27th May, 1954, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee :—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

“ C. M. Byrne.

“ Gilbert Hughes.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

Arising out of the Inspection of Portrane Farms carried out on the 11th March by Councillors Timmons, Andrews, Colman and Hughes, the Chief Engineer reported :—

Par. (iii). That the cost of regrading and surfacing in tar macadam the entrance road at Ballymastone would be approximately £85; regrading and laying a 4-inch concrete roadway would cost approximately £240.

Par. (iv). The cost of constructing a bridge over the canal in the gardens sufficient to carry tractors, trailers and farm implements would be approximately £240.

The cost of fencing the reclaimed garden with six-foot concrete posts, chain link fencing and two lines of barbed wire would be approximately £270.

On consideration of the Chief Engineer's report, the Committee unanimously recommended (i) that the entrance roadway at Ballymastone should be resurfaced in tar macadam at an estimated cost of £85; (ii) that a bridge should be constructed over the canal in the gardens; (iii) that the fencing of the reclaimed garden should be deferred until next year.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 206.

20th May, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 20th day of May, 1954, Councillor Eugene Timmons, P.C. (Chairman), in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

City of Dublin Representatives :—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.; Messrs. John Cahill, P.C.; William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives :—Councillors James Andrews and Sean Taggart.

County Wicklow Representatives :—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and James O'Neill.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 204 of the 15th April, 1954) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 14th April to 19th May, 1954, as under, was submitted and signed:

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
On Hospital Register ... 14/4/'54	1748	2038	3786
Admitted to 19/5/'54 ...	58	58	116
	1806	2096	3902

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Discharged to 19/5/'54	61	53	114
Died to ditto	8	16	24
Escaped to ditto	—	—	—
	69	69	138

Remaining on Hospital Register 19th May, 1954	1737	2027	3764
Absent on trial and escape 19th May, 1954	11	10	21

Number actually resident on 20th May, 1954, as per Morning State- ment Book	1726	2017	3743
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DISTRIBUTION:

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of Patients in Grangeor- man Mental Hospital ...	874	1230	2104
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	852	787	1639
Total number resident as above ...	1726	2017	3743

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	...	...	2844
County of Dublin	...	...	499
County Wicklow	...	...	333
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	48
Non-district patients	...	...	19
Total ...			3743

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor C. M. Byrne seconded: "That the recommendation in Report No. 205 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 22nd April, for the construction of a bridge over the canal in the garden at Portrane be referred back to the Committee for further consideration." Passed unanimously.

Subject to this amendment, the Report was adopted unanimously, on the proposal of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

11th May, 1954.

1. On Tuesday, 11th May, 1954, an Inspection was carried out at Portrane Mental Hospital.

Accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, we went into the Bakery and had a chat with the Baker who informed us he preferred to use a trolley to stand on as there was no fear of its slipping and the platform which had been made by Mr. Chalmers some time ago, would take up too much room in the already over-crowded Bakery.

The ovens are rather antiquated but the Baker informed us he could cope with another 200 patients, when the new wings are finished. It might be given consideration for a future date to discuss a more modern type of oven. At the moment we realise it would cost too much.

The Bakery is much improved since it was painted.

2. We visited the Kitchens and Female Dining Hall and found everything in first class order.

We received the usual requests from patients to be allowed to go home.

All the patients in the Female Hospital were clean and comfortable.

Divisions 6 and 7 Female were visited and we found every thing up to standard.

3. On visiting Divisions 8, 9 (Male) we saw wet spots on the floor from leaks in the roof. We pointed these out to Mr. Chalmers when we had a talk with him about the Bakery.

As it was a very wet day all patients were indoors.

4. In conclusion we wish to state that the luncheon served to the Visiting Committee was excellent. The soup was piping hot and the potatoes very warm and nicely mashed. The meat was very tender. We could find no fault with it.

We wish to thank Dr. O'Sullivan for going around the various divisions with us.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

RICHARD KEANE.

JOHN SMITHERS.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 17th June, 1954, date of next meeting of the Board :—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE :

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
 Councillor Mrs. Catherine Byrne.
 Councillor C. M. Byrne.
 Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE :

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
 Councillor Mrs. K. Nix.
 Mr. John Cahill.
 Mr. T. O'Reilly.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

14th May, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 12th instant 3738 patients, viz. :—

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegorman	...	874	1222	2096
In Portrane	...	853	789	1642
		—	—	—
Total		1727	2011	3738

as compared with :—

12th May, 1953	... 1672	2048	3720
12th May, 1952	... 1617	1975	3592
12th May, 1951	... 1572	1934	3506
12th May, 1950	... 1574	1924	3498

this year's number being 18 more than on the corresponding date in 1953 and 240 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients but two female nurses at Grangegorman developed measles during the past month.

3. Male patient P.L. (6676), aged 77 years, collapsed at 7.40 p.m. on the 28th ultimo in No. 7 dormitory at Grangegorman. He was attended immediately by a Medical Officer and the Catholic Chaplain but died at 7.50 p.m. The Coroner was notified but did not deem an inquest necessary. The cause of death was certified as cardio-respiratory failure, myocardial degeneration and senility.

Male patient T.W. (6993) was admitted from Kilkenny Mental Hospital on the 3rd April for an emergency operation to remove foreign bodies from the stomach and oesophagus. Two operations were performed on the 3rd and 7th April but the patient died on the 8th. A post mortem was performed on the instructions of the Coroner and the cause of death certified to be shock and cardiac failure and perforation of the oesophagus. An inquest was held on 13th instant. The Coroner's jury found that the patient died as the result of injuries self-inflicted while of unsound mind.

4. J.H. (7062), a male voluntary and liberty patient, was missed from No. 4 division at Grangegorman at 8.40 p.m. on the 26th April.

Male patient J.P.N. (5757) failed to return to Grangegorman from pass on the 7th instant. He was brought back on the 10th from his brother's house by three male nurses.

The following male voluntary patients failed to return to Grangegorman off pass during the month :—J.M. (6767), T.B. (6967), M.M. (6804), J.M. (6801).

5. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman)*. Male patient L.W. (6532) was found in the toilet of No. 7 division on the 26th ultimo with self-inflicted superficial scratches on his left wrist which had been made with a razor blade. He was a liberty patient and the Chief R.M.S. is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with the incident.

Male patient M.B.F. (6797) was pushed by another patient in No. 6 division dormitory on the 29th ultimo and fell to the floor. An X-ray revealed intertrochanteric fracture of the left femur. The Chief R.M.S. is satisfied also in connection with this accident that no blame attaches to any member of the staff.

On the 5th instant female patient M.D. (4996) fell to the floor when getting out of bed and sustained a fracture of the right humerus. She is progressing satisfactorily.

6. *Accidents to Patients (Portrane)*. At about 8.30 a.m. on the 9th instant female patient A.D. (38999), aged 71 years, fell in a passage way and sustained a fracture of the right hip. She was seen by a Medical Officer and told the doctor that she had fallen. When she was seen later by the Acting Branch R.M.S. and another doctor the patient maintained

that a nurse deliberately caught hold of her and threw her forcibly to the ground. The Acting Branch R.M.S. reports that this patient is a case of paranoia and completely under the influence of her delusions—the patient asserted that the nurse had come to do her harm under instructions from outside enemies. This patient is allowed certain small privileges, one of which is that she is permitted to go to the Church unattended. On the morning of the accident she was going to Mass and passed a Female Attendant in the corridor. The attendant did not know the patient and ran after her in the belief that she might be effecting an escape. The attendant locked the door through which the patient was intending to pass, and the patient turned round quickly and slipped and fell, sustaining the injury. The Acting Branch R.M.S. reports that he has not the least doubt that the fall was accidental, that the charge against the attendant was due to the patient's delusional state and that the attendant did not take hold of the patient at any time. The patient was transferred to Grangegorman for X-ray and surgical treatment and is progressing satisfactorily.

On the 30th ultimo female patient A.O'C. (46128) pushed another patient M.A.D. (4002) in the dayroom of No. 11 division. The latter fell to the floor and sustained a fracture of the left hip. She was sent to Grangegorman for X-ray and treatment and is progressing satisfactorily. The Acting Branch R.M.S. is satisfied that the accident was unavoidable.

7. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman). Nurse C.G. accidentally put his hand through a pane of glass when closing a window on the 3rd instant. He has been off duty since that date.

Nurse J.K.R. was scratched on the index finger by a

patient on the 1st instant. On the 3rd instant his arm became inflamed and he has been off duty since.

Nurse E.B. accidentally fell from his bicycle on his way home from the hospital on the 4th instant and has been off duty since that date.

When working in the patients' dininghall on the 30th ultimo Nurse S.C. let a form fall on her foot. She has been off duty since the 5th instant and is having an X-ray.

Nurse P.K. was off duty on the 7th and 8th April with a sprained ankle sustained when playing football on the grounds.

A number of other accidents to nurses were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

8. Accidents to Staff (Portrano). On the 27th ultimo Nurse J.J.C. injured his shoulder when restraining a turbulent patient and he has been off duty since that date.

On the 27th ultimo Nurse E.G. injured his ankle when playing hurling on the hospital grounds and he has been off duty since the 28th.

On the 22nd ultimo Nurse R.H. injured a finger while playing football on the hospital grounds. He was off duty as a result from the 24th to the 28th ultimo.

On the 24th March Attendant E.M.B. fell from her bicycle and fractured her left thumb. She was off duty from the 31st March to 23rd April.

On the 7th ultimo Attendant P.K. scalded her hands slightly while on duty in the nurses' dininghall and was off duty for one day.

P.J., baker, was off duty from the 31st March to the 13th April with an injury to his forehead sustained in a fall while at home.

P.N., juvenile farm labourer, sustained a slight abrasion when he slipped off a tractor at Turvey Farm on the 24th ultimo. He has been absent from duty since that date.

A number of other accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

9. With reference to Paragraph (1) of the Report of an Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 5th January by Councillors E. Timmons and James Andrews, Mrs. C. Keeble and Mr. John Cahill, the following is a copy of a memorandum submitted by the Storekeeper about the branding of bedding, delph, etc. :—

" The two main purposes of distinctive marks on these articles are (i) to prevent pilferage and (ii) to ensure that each department has its own and only its own stock.

With regard to (i) all articles of linen and bedding have hitherto been marked with the letters GMH by means of a metal stamp. This stamp does not take well on blankets and from enquiries which I have made I find that it would be possible to have a distinctive colour stripe woven into the blankets at a cost of 1/- each. I think this would be a useful precaution and I recommend that it be done. A similar stripe can be woven into the material for making sheets and pillow cases without any extra charge and I recommend also that this be done. The contractors for the supply of towelling are not prepared to weave in a special marking but I have procured new rubber stamps which are expected to mark towelling (and other similar articles) more effectively with the letters G.M.H.

With regard to (ii), provision of a distinctive mark for each Department would involve considerable trouble and expenditure. At the present time articles sent to the

laundry are not necessarily returned to the Department from which they are received—the practice is, if a Department send 20 blankets to the laundry, to return them any 20 blankets from that day's wash. Any other arrangement would involve a very elaborate procedure for sorting each day's wash, requiring considerable additional staff in the laundry. It is questionable whether the advantages to be gained by this arrangement would outweigh the extra cost.

With regard to the marking of delph, there is provision in the Local Government contract for badging delph at 4½d. per article. This mark consists of the letters C.P.S. which would not identify either the institution or the Department where the article is in use. Since the price of a cup is 1/- and a bowl is 1/2, the marking of them in this fashion would add very considerably to the cost. In any event delph ware is a bulky material and is not very liable to pilferage. I would venture to suggest that the number of articles of delph pilfered is only an infinitesimal fraction of the quantity broken in normal use."

10. Following an Inspection carried out at Grangegorm on the 9th March, Councillors James Andrews and W. Lawless and Mrs. E. O'Byrne recommended that the special issue of tea and sugar to workers in the male therapy department be increased. There are approximately 260 male working patients at Grangegorm who are allowed additional tea. The special issue for this purpose amounts to 9½ lbs. a week which is sufficient to provide one pint of strong tea per patient per working day in addition to the tea which he obtains for breakfast and supper on the ordinary diet. The special issue is made in bulk which is divided in the kitchen amongst

the various departments in which there are working patients. There have been some changes in the number of patients working in the different departments, and the allocation of the tea has been changed now so that each department receives its due proportion. I understand that the tea which the Visiting Members saw on the day of their inspection was some which had been made by the patients from used tea leaves. These patients had received their normal issue of tea a few hours earlier.

11. The reconstruction of No. 4 division temporary buildings is proceeding satisfactorily. The greater part of the roof area is ready for asphalt covering which it is hoped will be laid next week. The total expenditure on this job to the end of April is £7,391.

On the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. P. Lynch, Ltd., for the electrical installation in the sum of £1,405, and the tender of Messrs. McCann, Ltd., in the sum of £6,153 for the mechanical installation, in this building. Ten tenders were received for the electrical installation and six for the mechanical installation, and the tenders accepted were the lowest in each case.

12. Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, was instructed to prepare a scheme for the heating, hot water and electrical services in the building at Portrane which is to be converted into a division for children, and he had previously been requested to submit a scheme for improved services to No. 10 division. He has now submitted proposals for a combined scheme to serve the two departments and he estimates the cost of separate and combined schemes as follows :—

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN'S UNIT ONLY :—

Heating and Boiler Plant ...	...	£750
Water Services ...	...	400
Electrical Installation ...	...	300
Total ...		£1,450

SERVICES FOR No. 10 DIVISION ONLY :—

Heating and Boiler Plant ...	...	£1,850
Water Services ...	...	950
Total ...		£2,800

COMBINED SCHEME FOR BOTH DEPARTMENTS :—

Heating and Boiler Plant ...	...	£2,560
Water Services ...	...	1,260
Electrical Installation in Children's Division only ...	...	300
Total ...		£4,120

On the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer and the Architect, I have adopted the combined scheme and submitted it to the Department of Health for the Minister's approval.

13. The Architect has submitted a detailed Schedule of Accommodation for the new home at Portrane which is to accommodate 70 female nurses. In compliance with the recommendation of the Special Building Committee provision is being made in the new building for a lecture hall. The Schedule of Accommodation has been forwarded to the Department of Health for the Minister's approval.

14. Progress on the construction of six new staff houses at Portrane by direct labour is satisfactory. The buildings have reached first floor level, and flooring joists have been laid in two houses.

15. The Minister for Health has approved the proposal to renew the floors in Nos. 1 and 3 division dayrooms at Grangegorman at an estimated cost of £2,000. Provision for this expenditure has been made in a loan of £5,500 which the Board approved on the 18th March last.

16. In a report of an inspection of the Farms carried out on the 1st April by Councillor William Lawless and Mr. John Smithers (which has not yet been submitted to the Agricultural Committee) reference was made to the urgent need for extra accommodation and sanitation in the front gate lodge at Portrane. The Chief Engineer reports that the total floor area of this house is smaller than any of the other houses on the estate, viz. 344 square feet, as against 427 to 540 square feet. He estimates that the construction of an additional bedroom and the installation of a W.C. and bath would cost £350. Owing to the low lying position of the house it is not easy to connect into the existing sewage and a septic tank would be necessary. I am agreeable to improve the accommodation in this house if the Board will authorise the additional expenditure involved, for which provision has not been made in the current year's Estimate and Demand.

17. The weather vane on the clock tower over the Annexe Building at Grangegorman was damaged by high winds some time ago and in the course of its repair it was found that the copper sheeting on the dome had perished. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted

the tender of Messrs. P. J. Brown & Sons in a sum of £220 for recovering the dome in sheet copper. This tender was the lowest of three obtained.

18. The Minister for Local Government has sanctioned the following loans which have already been approved by the Board, viz. :—

(i) £128,900 from the Local Loans Fund repayable on the instalment system over a period of 30 years required for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the construction of two new 124-bed units and six staff houses at Portrane.

(ii) £5,400 from the Local Loans Fund, repayable on the instalment system over a period of 20 years for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the new Male Patients' Visiting Hall and Occupational Therapy Department at Grangegorman.

I hope to have the deeds of mortgage for approval by the Board on the 20th instant.

19. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted the following tenders for fuel :—

Wallace Bros. for 150 tons Auchinervie steam coal at £5 11s. 6d. per ton delivered Grangegorman, being the lowest of 12 tenders received.

Dublin Gas Co. for 150 tons of coke at £7 5s. 0d. per ton, being the lowest of six tenders received.

Doherty & Co., Ltd., for 30 tons Castlecomer machine made Bean Anthracite at £8 17s. 6d. per ton delivered Grangegorman, being the lowest of 7 tenders.

20. I have also accepted the tender of Thomas La Grue & Sons for the supply of Kerr's Pink table potatoes during

the period from the 1st May to the 30th June at £10 5s. 0d. per ton.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

20th May, 1954.

21. Since 11th April 59 male and 59 female patients were admitted, total 118. One hundred and six of these were chargeable patients, of whom 60 were Temporary, 28 were Voluntary and 18 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted six Private Patients (4 voluntary and 2 temporary), one by order of Minister for Justice, two by Order of the High Court and three under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, for special treatment, from Ardee (2) and Killarney Mental Hospitals.

22. I have received from the Department of Health the Minister's findings on the Inquiry on Oath held in Portrane in September and October last, viz. :—

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

15 Bealtaine, 1954.

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I am directed by the Minister for Health to state that he has considered the Minutes of Evidence taken at the Inquiry on Oath held by Mr. Sean Morrissey, Inspector, at Portrane Branch Mental Hospital on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th September and 9th October, 1953.

The Inquiry first investigated the circumstances surrounding the receipt of a head injury by patient W.P. in the Branch Mental Hospital on the 9th March, 1953, and in particular the conduct of Nurse Patrick J. Timothy in relation to this matter. It appears from the evidence that the patient W.P. complained to Dr. Meenan, Assistant Medical Officer, of being struck by Nurse Timothy with a bunch of keys. The patient received prompt medical attention. Statements had been made to you by the patient and also to Dr. Dunne, Chief Resident Medical Superintendent, Dr. Hegarty, Acting Branch Resident Medical Superintendent, Dr. Meenan, Assistant Medical Officer, members of the nursing staff and to the patient's mother. Evidence of these statements was given at the Inquiry. The statements varied and the patient gave different descriptions of the circumstances in which the alleged assault took place. Evidence was also given of statements made by three other patients to Dr. Dunne and Dr. Hegarty. These statements also varied considerably. Nurse Timothy stated that the incident occurred when he was calling the patients from a dormitory to dinner and that when beckoning with his hand to the patients the keys which he held in his right hand struck patient P's head. Nurse Timothy swore that he was not aware that the patient was behind him. He had reported the matter immediately and this was borne out in evidence. From the evidence of the medical officers and nurses it appears that the injury was a simple and superficial wound with no contusion. Mrs. P.* gave evidence that the wound was a deep one. Evidence was given that the bunch of keys held by Nurse Timothy consisted of a number of keys of varying sizes one of which was particularly long.

* Patient's Mother.

The Minister considers that the injury was such as might have been sustained through the impact of a single key on the patient's head, that it was not serious and that there was no evidence of deliberate intent on Nurse Timothy's part.

The Inquiry was next concerned with the complaint made by patient J.J.T.D. in a letter to the Department dated the 7th December, 1952. Evidence was given by Dr. Hourihane, Senior Medical Inspector, of statements made to him by the patient D. and other patients in connection with the complaint. There was no independent evidence in support of the complaint. The Charge Nurse who was on duty in Division No. 1 at the time of the alleged incident gave evidence refuting the allegation. Another nurse who was also on duty gave evidence which corroborated the evidence of the Charge Nurse. Nurse Darcy denied the charges and gave evidence which in general agreed with the evidence of these nurses. The Assistant Medical Officer, a Deputy Charge Nurse and two nurses who were on duty but not present at the time gave evidence to disprove the allegation. The Chief Resident Medical Superintendent and all the members of the medical and nursing staff who gave evidence testified to the effect that they had never heard of any such ill-treatment occurring in the hospital and that if it did occur it would come under notice. Dr. W. J. Coyne, Psychiatrist, called by the Inspector, gave evidence regarding the mental condition of the patients and stated that they were incapable of giving reliable evidence. Dr. Dunne stated in regard to two of the patients that their evidence would be unreliable. In the Minister's view the

evidence did not substantiate the complaint made by the patient D.

With regard to the application of mechanical or other means of bodily restraint the evidence showed that the relevant provisions of the Mental Treatment (Regulations) Order, 1946, were generally complied with. It is considered that where electro-convulsive therapy is applied a record should be kept on each patient's chart.

The Minutes of Evidence taken at the Inquiry are transmitted herewith and should be returned to this Department in due course.

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JOHN P. KEANE, Esq.,

P. O. CINNEIDE.

Manager,

Grangegorman Mental Hospital,

Dublin.

23. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. J. McCulloch & Sons, Ballyboghill, for the supply of one Claas Super combine harvester, complete with baler, for the sum of £900, as being the most advantageous to the Board of five tenders received in response to public advertisement. A sum of £1,000 was included in the current year's Estimate and Demand for this machine.

On his recommendation also I have accepted the tender of Mr. John Duffy, Hacketstown, for the supply of one Pierce 5-row horse sprayer with Charlock spraying attachment, for £69 5s. 0d., being the lower of two tenders received.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

ORDERS MADE THEREON:—

Par. 9. Noted.

Par. 16. Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor James Andrews "That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £350 (Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds) in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1954-55 on improvements to the front Gate Lodge at Portrane."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 18. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £128,900 (one hundred and twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred pounds), proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Mental Treatment Act, 1954."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Catherine Byrne, "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £5,400 (Five Thousand Four Hundred Pounds), proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945."

Passed unanimously.

E. M. MURRAY, *Chief Clerk.*

E. TIMMONS, *Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE, *Chief R.M.S.*

FALCONER, DUBLIN.

*Report No. 207.**27th May, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 27th day of May, 1954. Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:— Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Messrs. Thomas P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.*27th May, 1954.*

1. *Milk Supplies:* Since my last report on the 22nd ultimo supplies of milk to both hospitals have been well maintained and it was not necessary to purchase any milch cows. Daily supplies to Grangegorman and Portrane at present are 276 and 235 gallons, respectively. There are 223 cows milking giving a total daily production of 529 gallons or 2.37 gallons per cow. It may be necessary to purchase some milch cows during the next month but I do not expect that as many purchased cows will be required as in this period last year. There are in the herd at present some 34 springers, including 15 heifers, and a few of the more forward of these will be calving before the end of the month.

The following table shows an analysis of the present daily yield of the cows in milk.

4.5 gallons	...	11 cows
3.4 "	...	40 "
2.3 "	...	88 "
1.2 "	...	67 "
Under 1 "	...	13 "

2. Purchase and Sale of Livestock:

During the month of April the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold:—

	Total cost	Av. per beast	Av. per cwt. L.W.
(a) 8 bullocks ...	£553 11s 0d	£69 3s 10	£6 11s 4d
42 sheep ...	£446 10s 0d	£10 12 7	...
6 fat pigs ...	£95 10s 0d	£15 18 4	...
19 fat pigs ...	£371 9s 0d	£19 11 0	...
(for G.M.H.)			

(b) 12 calves were sold for the following prices:— 1 for £12, 1 for £10, 1 for £11, 1 for £9 10s 0d, 4 at £9, 2 at £8, and 2 at £6; total £106 10s 0d. 11 bonhams were sold:— 7 at £6, and 4 at £5; total £62 0s 0d. 20 store pigs at £8 10s 0d each were sold to Crookslings Sanatorium; total £170 0s 0d, and 18 store pigs were transferred to Grangegormman at £9 each; total £162 0s 0d. 1 boar was sold for £17 0s 0d nett.

3. *Bulls*: Two bulls, the Shorthorn, Albert Ambassador 13th, and the Hereford, Crover Adventure, were sold for beef in the Dublin Market for a total of £185 15s 1d nett.

The 9-year-old Friesian bull, Nairn Rolibert has again reacted to a tuberculin test, but as the first of his heifers will be calving down next Decemebr, I am anxious to retain him for some time yet. The Hereford bull purchased in March is proving very satisfactory for artificial insemination purposes. The home-bred yearling shorthorn bull, however, has not yet commenced service although he has been tried on several occasions.

Enquiries are at present being made about the possibility of purchasing semen of imported Friesian bulls from the Department of Agriculture. The use of this semen might make the purchase of a Friesian bull unnecessary. On the other hand the use of a young Friesian bull would be desirable for the service of some heifers which are found to be rather slow to get in calf by insemination. The type of bull required is rather difficult to find but I will have enquiries made.

4 *Mastitis*: Since my last report there has been a marked decline in the incidence of the disease on all farms. There are no chronic cases at the moment and there has not been an acute case on any farm for the past week.

5 *Grass*: The manuring of the remainder of the grass-lands was completed early this month. During the past few weeks there has been a satisfactory growth of grass. The old pastures have made very good growth and there is now ample grass for all stock. A number of fields have been reserved for silage at Portrane, Ballymastone and Turvey and are now ready for cutting.

6. *Crops*: Owing to the very heavy rainfall early in May all low-lying land became water-logged, and this considerably delayed the completion of the planting of the grain

and potato crops. The heavy rainfall also severely damaged some of the crops already planted; one particular field containing five acres wheat was so badly scalded, that three acres of it had to be resown with barley last week. However, the sowing of the grain crop has now been completed and the following are the dates on which the sowing of each crop was completed:—

Wheat	...	...	...	April 27th.
Oats (Santry)	...	...	...	April 29th.
Barley	...	...	...	May 11th.

The remainder of the fodder beet crop was planted early in May, and this crop is now showing above ground.

About 80 acres of potatoes have been planted and the remainder should be planted by the date of this meeting.

The growth of the first and second crop of early potatoes is rather slow at the moment and it is doubtful if any new potatoes can be dug by the first of June as anticipated.

The sowing of grasses is now in progress and the winter and early spring wheat is sowed, harrowed and rolled.

7. *Santry Court*: Grass is improving on this farm but so far it has not been able to support any extra stock. Fourteen acres of oats have been planted. This crop was badly infested with leather jackets but after treatment with Paris Green it has much improved. Eleven acres, which were under wheat last year are now being tilled and direct reseeded for grassland and should be ready for grazing in about six weeks' time.

The present stock on this farm is 86 yearling heifers, four two-year old heifers and two dry cows.

JAMES HAYES,
Agricultural Manager.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER. PORTRANE.

27th May, 1954.

1. *Crops*: The area under vegetables in season at the moment is:— 4 acres cabbage, 2 acres onions, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre rhubarb, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lettuce, also parsley, thyme, sage and mint. The vegetables are delivered daily to the kitchens with the exception of lettuce and rhubarb, which are supplied weekly.

2. *Young Crops*: 6 acres onions, 5 acres parsnips, 3 acres swede turnips and 1 acre carrots.

3. *Tillage and Sowings*: 8 acres have been ploughed and tilled during the past month, of this, 3 acres of cabbage have been planted and a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of seed beds have been made up and sown.

4. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens*: Fruit trees have received a third application of spray as a preventative against scab and insect pests. Other work carried out consisted of sowing peas, beans, lettuce, parsley, turnips, and preparing ground for celery and outdoor tomatoes, also the pricking out of between 4,000-5,000 flowering annuals for summer bedding.

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5. 2 acres of ground have been ploughed and tilled in preparations for peas, beans, lettuce and celery. Other work carried out consisted of thinning and weeding onions, lettuce and peas. Recreation grounds and shrubberies are in good condition.

6. The following is a summary of vegetables and fruit supplied to the kitchens from Portrane Gardens for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1954. (I have not the Grangegorman or Santry Gardens return at the moment. I will submit them in a later report).

Carrots			Cabbage		Cauliflower		Turnip			Swede		
T.	C.	Q.	Lbs.	Loads		Dozens	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.
5	10	-	-	987		4,359	7	10	-	54	5	0
Leeks			Lettuce		Onions		Scallions			Paranips		
T.	C.	Q.	Lb.	Dozens		T.	C.	Bunches		T.	C.	Q.
7	15	2	-	8,549		11	-	9,074		20	12	2
Peas			Apples		Gooseberries		Rhubarb					
T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.	Lbs.	T.	C.	Bunches			
-	10	-	7	17	1	7	1	19	13,792			

The foregoing items do not include all garden produce, but only produce that is supplied in bulk or large quantities.

A. WOLOHAN,
Head Gardener.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

1st April, 1954.

1. We visited Portrane Farms and Gardens on 1st April, 1954. At Turvey and Ballymastone we found everything in good order—all stock looking very well. Due to the wet weather for the previous couple of months, cultivation and tillage is very backward. At Portrane we carried out a very interesting inspection of our seed potatoes and we found them up to the highest standard, including the seed purchased this year.

The bad weather has had a serious effect on our Farm Manager's and Head Gardener's efforts to expand and improve the various Farm and Garden products and they have been working for some time under very adverse conditions.

2. During our tour of Inspection we were requested to visit the site where our Foremen's houses have been erected and near where it has been suggested that a wall be erected to prevent children disturbing the Head Night Nurse (Male) during the day. We advised trying to ensure that the children's parents keep them under better control and we believe the spending of £60 on a wall would not be justified.

3. We visited the Ranger's house and found that the family are grossly overcrowded and the house in parts damp. We noticed a very small job not completed and we would like to be informed why a particular job of repair was never finished. There are many objectional features about this Ranger's house and we should have a full report from our Engineer. We would like to stress the urgency of providing an extra room and sanitation for this family, at the same time we appreciate the Manager's difficulties.

We thank Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their assistance.

W. LAWLESS.

JOHN SMITHERS.

Orders made thereon:—

Para. 1 and 2. Noted.

Par. 3. Noted that the Board on the 20th May authorised the expenditure of a sum of £350 on the improvement of this house.

Visiting members to farms to inspect the house and the Chief Engineer's plans for improvement.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

13th May, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, we visited the piggeries and were glad to see such a fine lot of young stores and a selection of young sows all making good progress. This branch of activity appears to be most successfully carried on and great credit is due to those in charge. The conversion of a byre to piggeries which we inspected is a very useful piece of work.

2. The Gardens showed that good progress had been made in spite of unfavourable weather conditions during early Spring. Fruit trees in full bloom look very promising and early potatoes and other vegetables appeared well advanced.

3. At Balfymastona the calf sheds house a very fine selection of calves and some nearby being reared by cows are outstanding. Some fields after being grazed show the effect of recent heavy rains as they are still very wet. Wheat sown here is making good progress. Some reclamation which is being planned will improve the place considerably.

4. At Turvey we found the planting of potatoes proceeding rapidly and, although retarded by wet weather up to now, the ground is drying up well. Wheat fields show patches due to wet conditions but this crop is expected to do well if weather continues to improve. A fine effort appears to have been made to overtake the work delayed by bad weather conditions, as everything is well in hand.

Our very best thanks to Mr. Hayes for his assistance.

GILBERT HUGHES, T.C.
THOMAS O'REILLY.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to the 24th June, date of next meeting of the Committee:— Councillor E. Timmons, Councillor James Andrews, Councillor W. J. Colman, Mr. John Smithers.

PORTRANE GARDEN.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 20th May, the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee that a bridge be constructed over the canal in the gardens at an estimated cost of £240 (Report No. 205, pages 137 and 138) was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The Head Gardener reported that he discussed this matter again with the Chief Engineer who had advised him that he could construct a smaller bridge, sufficiently large to carry farm carts and tractors, at an estimated cost of £180. It was decided unanimously to recommend to the Board the expenditure of the sum of £180 on the smaller bridge.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 208.

17th June, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 17th day of June, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Alderman Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D. (Lord Mayor), Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A., Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Peadar Cowan, Gilbert Hughes, Richard C. Keane, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Mrs. Lillie O'Shea Leamy, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, John Jones, Richard Lawless, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecilia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and James O'Neill.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 206 of the 20th May, 1954), were confirmed and signed.

The Manager informed the Board that Dr. John Dunne, Chief R.M.S., had been chosen as President-Elect of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, and would take office as President of the Association next year. The Manager and the members of the Board congratulated Dr. Dunne on this appointment. Dr. Dunne thanked the members of the Board and the Manager, and stated that he regarded the appointment as a great honour and a recognition of the work which had been carried out in the Board's Hospitals.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 19th May to 16th June, 1954, as under, was submitted and signed :—

On Hospital Register, 19th May, 1954		Males	Females	Total
		1,737	2,027	3,764
Admitted to 16th June, 1954		61	55	116
Total		1,798	2,082	3,880
		Males	Females	Total
Discharged to 16th June	...	37	36	73
Died to do.	...	6	12	18
Escaped to do.	...	—	—	—
		43	48	91
Remaining on Hospital Register				
16th June, 1954		1,755	2,034	3,789
Absent on trial and escape, 16th June, 1954		11	8	19
Number actually resident on 17th June, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book		1,744	2,026	3,770

DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital	Males	Females	Total
	879	1,245	2,124
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	...	...	...
	865	781	1,646
Total number resident as above	...	1,744	2,026
			3,770

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2,852
County of Dublin	...	...	512
County Wicklow	...	...	341
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	40
Non-district patients	...	...	16
TOTAL	...	...	3,770

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Mrs. K. Nix seconded the adoption of Report No. 207 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 27th May, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

21st April, 1954.

1. We first inspected the Entrance to the offices and Board-room at the Annexe and we noticed a number of visitors sitting around the Hall. We consider that a proper waiting

room should be provided for visitors, that the Hall Porter's office should be improved, and that the Hall should be completely re-decorated. In our opinion the present condition of this part of the Institution is most unsatisfactory. With the assistance of the Chief Clerk and the Clerk of Works we inspected the adjoining rooms to see if any improvement could be obtained by a better use of the existing accommodation. The layout of the building is such that no easy solution of the problem suggested itself to us, and were recommended that the Architect be instructed to carry out a survey and submit his recommendation for improving the entrance hall and adjoining apartments.

2. We visited the Nurses' Home and were impressed by its cleanliness. A number of the rooms require re-decoration, but we were informed that a rotation system has been adopted so that a number of room are dealt with each month.

3. After lunch we inspected the Male Section. The construction of the new building is up to schedule. The Therapy Department provides useful occupation for the patients.

4. A visit to the general workshops showed that a comprehensive plan for cleaning them up is necessary. In particular, the weaving and shoemakers' shops contain a lot of obsolete machines which take up considerable floor space and should be disposed of. This would help to reduce congestion which undoubtedly exists. The plumbing shop needs a considerable overhaul, more light and ventilation and some storage presses. The provision of washing facilities for the workshops is necessary.

5. The making and laying of new roads is progressing satisfactorily. A general run through the divisions left little to note.

6. We are grateful to the various officers for their help during our visit.

JAMES ANDREWS.

W. J. COLMAN.

THOMAS O'REILLY.

Order: See Paragraph 8 of the Manager's Report.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

27th May, 1954.

1. We carried out an Inspection at Grangegorman on Thursday, 27th May, 1954.

Dr. Walsh came with us for the first half of the Inspection which was to the Female Hospital.

We found everything very clean and comfortable.

When we went upstairs we saw a large number of very old women, all needing a great deal of attention and many having to be fed by the nurse.

We were informed that they are very short of staff. One nurse has to do duty alone every evening from 5 p.m. looking after 44 patients. This is too much in our opinion, and we suggest that the Minister for Health be approached and asked if additional staff could not be obtained. Two more nurses are necessary.

2. The boards of the corridor leading to St. Mark's Ward are very worn and accidents are liable to happen. Perhaps the wheeling of trolleys along this corridor has something to do with its bad condition.

3. In St. Clare's Ward the patients were having lunch. The meal looked very appetising, and many of the patients told us they were enjoying it.

In St. Anne's Ward the patients were also having lunch, and all seemed happy and contented.

As Dr. Walsh had to leave us we were left in charge of Nurse McCormack.

4. On visiting the Insulin patients we talked to some of them and they seemed very happy and had no complaints.

As we had not been in the Nurses' Home for some time we called in and had a look at the new curtains. They certainly look very nice, and the whole appearance of the Home was one of comfort and cleanliness. Some of the plants in the Nurses' Sitting Room are most beautiful.

5. After we had had lunch we visited the Male side of the house with Mr. Kavanagh, Head Male Nurse, to guide us.

No. 5 Division was visited first and we found such a large number of very old patients and all looked very clean and comfortable.

No. 10 Division was full of patients who were an overflow from the Hospital, and the Ward looked rather crowded.

What a difference a coat of paint makes. No. 1 Dormitory looks so gay and fresh we could hardly believe we were in the same old dormitory. No. 6 was in the hands of the painters

as we passed through and the doors were being grained. When the beds are moved back everything will look very bright and fresh.

As our visit fell on a Holy Day we were unable to visit the Workshop, for all work was at a stand-still.

Our thanks are due to all who assisted us in our inspection.

CATHERINE BYRNE.
ESSIE O'BYRNE.

Order : Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 22nd July, date of next meeting of the Board :—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ James O'Neill.

„ Mrs. O'Shea Leamy.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ William Lawless.

„ Mrs. K. Nix.

Mr. William Chase.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

11th June, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on the 8th instant 3,748 patients, viz. :—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman ...	886	1,234	2,120
In Portrane ...	846	782	1,628
Total ...	1,732	2,016	3,748
as compared with :—			
8th June, 1953 ...	1,677	2,047	3,724
8th June, 1952 ...	1,619	1,982	3,601
8th June, 1951 ...	1,574	1,946	3,520
8th June, 1950 ...	1,582	1,930	3,512

this year's number being 24 more than on the corresponding date in 1953, and 236 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. At 7.5 a.m. on the 31st ultimo, male patient J.M. (1507), aged 59 years, was found dead in bed at Grangegorman. The Coroner was notified and ordered a *post-mortem* examination which revealed the cause of death as coronary sclerosis and infarction. He did not consider an inquest was necessary.

Female patient M.A. O'R. (25268), aged 83 years, was found dead in bed at Grangegorman at 2 a.m. on the 18th ultimo. The Coroner was notified but did not deem an inquest necessary. The cause of death was certified to be cardiac failure, myocardial degeneration and arterio sclerosis.

4. Male patient J. J. McK. (7051) escaped from Grangegorman on the 14th May. He had been under treatment in No. 5 division that afternoon, and was allowed out for exercise with other patients. The patient was apprehended at a friend's house at 12.15 a.m. on the 15th May, and brought back to the Hospital by male nurses.

Male patient R. R. (7003), who was allowed liberty on the grounds at Grangegorman, failed to report to his division at tea time on the 1st June. An anonymous 'phone message indicated that the patient was in Clanbrassil Street, and three male nurses were sent to locate him, without success. The Guards were notified and recaptured the patient on the 2nd June and brought him back to the Hospital.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes.

C. D. (6950), a male voluntary patient, failed to return off pass on the 28th May.

5. Male patient J. M. (6349) ran off the recreation grounds of No. 8. division at Portrane on the 23rd May, and escaped from the Institution. He was followed by a male nurse and brought back within half an hour.

On the 8th May, female patient R. G. (6919) escaped from the recreation grounds of No. 2 division at Portrane. She got as far as the public road where she was recaptured and brought back by members of the staff.

The acting Branch R.M.S. is satisfied that there was no negligence on the part of the staff in connection with these escapes.

6. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman). S. O'F., Clerk-Typist, was off duty from the 31st May to the 2nd June with an injury sustained by a fall while at home.

Nurse C. F. was off duty from the 19th May to the 4th June with an injury to his left arm sustained while working in his garden.

R. S. Tinsmith, was off duty from the 17th to the 22nd May with a sprained ankle sustained while off duty.

Other accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

7. Accidents to Staff (Portrane). E. C., farm labourer, was seriously injured on the 22nd May while working at Turvey Farm. He was driving a tractor and it appears that his clothing became caught in the power-take-off shaft of the rotovator and he received injuries to his head, ear and leg. He was removed to St. Laurence's Hospital and is likely to be off duty for some time.

A number of injuries to members of the nursing staff are reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

8. With reference to the inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 21st April by Councillors Andrews and Colman and Mr. T. O'Reilly, I have to report :—

Item 1.—If the Board approves I will ask the Architect to carry out a survey of the Entrance Hall and adjoining apartments at the Annexe at Grangegorman and submit his recommendations.

Item 4.—The old machines in the Shoe Shop and Weaver's Shop appear to have no value except as scrap. I agree that they should be removed and arrangements will be made to dispose of them for the best price obtainable. The other workshops referred to are very old buildings, and it is very difficult to improve them. The Clerk of Works points out that, except for the Carpenter and Tinsmith, the tradesmen are rarely occupied with work in the shops.

9. As directed by the Board, I am circulating with this report a copy of the letter dated 12th April addressed to the Chairman by the Irish Women Workers' Union, the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and the Workers' Union of Ireland. With regard to the general adequacy of nursing staff in the Board's Hospitals, I have obtained the following report from the Chief R.M.S. :—

"In response to your request for a report on the adequacy of the nursing staffs in the Board's Hospital, the following figures give an indication of the extent to which the proportion of nurses to patients has increased during the past eighteen years :—

MALE DEPARTMENTS.

		Nurses	Patients	Pro- portion
December, 1936	...	248	1,770	1 to 7.14
December, 1937	...	288	1,737	1 to 6.03
December, 1945	...	289	1,520	1 to 5.26
December, 1953	...	331	1,730	1 to 5.23

FEMALE DEPARTMENTS.

		Nurses	Patients	Pro- portion
December, 1936	...	252	1,873	1 to 7.43
December, 1937	...	302	1,875	1 to 6.20
December, 1945	...	358	1,817	1 to 5.07
December, 1953	...	444	2,023	1 to 4.55

It has been recognised generally that the proper proportion of nurses to patients is one to six. That proportion, however, was assessed over a decade ago at a time when the treatment of mental illness had not developed to its present advanced stage, in which practically every case that enters a mental hospital requires special individual treatment. In that period also, the number of admissions per year has quadrupled and shows signs of further increase. The rate of recovery, fortunately, is sufficiently high to permit of an increasing number of discharges, with the result that the population of the Board's Hospitals has not shown a corresponding increase.

As the foregoing figures indicate, I have from time to time recommended increases in the nursing staff necessitated by developments in the treatment of patients and the staff has been brought up to its present strength as a result. I have recently made further recommendations for the appointment of twelve extra female nurses and eight extra male nurses at Grangeegorman.

In making recommendations for additional staff, I have had regard, naturally, to my responsibility for economy in administration, but so far as concerns the safety, comfort and treatment of the patients, I am satisfied that the

staffing of the Board's Hospitals is reasonably adequate, and compares favourably with that of any mental hospital in the world."

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

27th May, 1954.

10. Application has been made to the Minister for Health for the approval to the appointment of the eight extra male nurses and twelve extra female nurses referred to in the penultimate paragraph of Dr. Dunne's report. The cost of this additional staff, if approved, will amount to £5,700 in the first full year, increasing to about £7,100 in the fourth year. The cost for the remainder of the current financial year would be about £4,275.

11. Progress on the reconstruction of the temporary buildings at Grangegorman continues to be satisfactory. The greater part of the roof has been covered with asphalt, and the Heating Contractors have commenced work.

12. The Minister for Health has approved of the working drawings and draft specification for the new Stores Building at Grangegorman subject to certain minor alterations, which have been referred to the Architect. Bills of Quantities will be prepared now, and it is hoped to put this job out to contract in the near future.

13. The No. 3 Lancashire Boiler at Portrane has been subjected to a complete examination and test at the request of the Board's Insurers. The Insurers require a number of

repairs to be carried out which the Chief Engineer estimates will cost approximately £1,700. The Insurers have indicated that when the repairs have been completed they will allow the boiler to be operated at a working pressure of 110 lbs. per sq. inch, but they recommend that the pressure be reduced to 50 lbs. per sq. inch if any lengthy period of service is required. On the recommendation of Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, I have approved of these repairs, subject to the concurrence of the Minister for Health, which has been requested.

14. The Board's Architect has reported that the total expenditure to date on the construction of the two new Units at Portrane is £3,582 and the value of work executed is £12,000; the actual expenditure on the reconstruction of the temporary buildings at Grangegorman is £7,669, and the value of work executed is £7,500. The Minister for Health has been requested to authorise instalment of grants from the Hospitals Trust Fund amounting to £3,500 for the first, and £7,500 for the second scheme.

15. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, Grangegorman, and the Chief Engineer, Portrane, I have accepted the following tenders for fuel as being the most advantageous of a large number received in response to public advertisement:—

MoHENRY BROS. LTD., for

Bord na Mona Turf Briquettes at 84s. per ton delivered
Grangegorman.

Bord na Mona semi-briquettes at 66s. 6d. per ton delivered
Grangegorman.

DUBLIN GAS COMPANY for

100 tons of large Coke at £7 5s. per ton delivered Portrane.

WALLACE BROS. LTD., for

100 tons House Coal at 133s. 6d. per ton delivered Portrane.

16. There is a large quantity of timber lying in the Laundry Yard at Portrane, and on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have authorised the purchase of a chain saw at a cost of £106 10s. as being the most economic method of cutting it up for use in the institution.

17. Tenders were recently invited for a McCormick 21 U.E. semi-mounted Mowing Machine and on the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager I have accepted the lowest tender, that of Mr. John Duffy, Hacketstown, at £79 10s.

18. On the 18th March last the Board approved of my suggestion that, subject to the concurrence of the contributing authorities, the Minister for Local Government be asked to make an order fixing the date of the Annual Estimates Meeting as the third Thursday in January each year, instead of the second Thursday. The Dublin Corporation and the Dublin County Council have made no objection to the proposed change, but the Wicklow County Council have indicated that it would be very inconvenient to them as they have to prepare their estimates about the third week in January to permit of a detailed examination of them before the Estimates Meeting in February. In the circumstances, I recommend that the date of the Board's Estimates Meeting be left unchanged.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

APPENDIX.

WORKERS' UNION OF IRELAND,
29 PARNELL SQUARE,
DUBLIN, 12th April, 1954

The Chairman,
Joint Board,
Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
Dublin.

DEAR SIR,

The undersigned trade unions, representing the nursing staffs of Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals, request the Joint Board, through you, Sir, to be good enough to receive a small deputation at their next meeting, for the purpose of submitting representations to the Board in respect of certain matters concerning the good management of the Hospitals and the proper and effective care of patients.

We are compelled to request the reception of this deputation, first, because the question of the good management and proper care and treatment of patients is primarily the responsibility of the Joint Board, and we are of the opinion that certain matters in this respect require attention; secondly, because the matters we are concerned with have been raised in conference in November, 1953, with the Manager and the Resident Medical Superintendent and, following such conference, very detailed memoranda were submitted, together with a covering letter on the 3rd December, 1953.

In the memoranda so submitted attention was specifically directed to the insufficient staff being provided in many of the Divisions in both Hospitals, as a result of which patients cannot be given the proper care and attention, or even afforded

at times the protection they are entitled to from possible physical assault. This insufficiency of staff in turn imposes an undue physical and mental strain on the existing nursing staffs; makes it impossible for them to properly comply with many of their statutory duties and, above all, to exercise that beneficial controlling influence over patients which is so essential to their recovery.

The memoranda in question were submitted on the direct request of the Manager and with an intimation that on their receipt they would be carefully examined by the Resident Medical Superintendent, with the object of determining what remedies, if any, were required to deal with the points raised. The Resident Medical Superintendent, in the course of a conference with representatives of the nursing staffs, indicated that on receipt of the memoranda it would be his intention to examine such memoranda, to consult with and enquire from responsible Charge Nurses in the various Divisions on the several points set out and to advise the Manager in relation to the memoranda.

The nursing staffs are aware that since the 3rd December no special inquiries have been made of the Charge Nurses to determine as to what extent the matters raised in the memoranda require remedial action and, despite inquiries, verbal and in writing, no satisfactory replies have been received to date, either from the Manager or the Resident Medical Superintendent.

The nursing staffs are of the opinion that their reasonable and proper submissions, made not only in their own interest but even more so in the interest of the patients, have not been given the full and careful consideration they deserve and it is felt, in those circumstances, recourse must be had to the

Joint Board, which holds final responsibility for the general management of the Hospitals and the welfare of the patients.

In requesting that a deputation would be received the intention would be to very briefly inform the Joint Board of the matters which have given rise to concern among the staffs and to request the Joint Board to appoint a small sub-Committee to consult in greater detail with representatives of the staffs on the specific matters put before the Joint Board and, if necessary, to make personal examination into the conditions in the Divisions to which reference has been made in the memoranda submitted on behalf of the Nursing staffs to the Manager.

In conclusion we respectfully wish to inform the Joint Board that the small deputation, to which reference is made, will be in attendance in the Hospital on the occasion of the next meeting of the Joint Board, and will be immediately available to be received by the Joint Board, if this request is acceded to.

Yours faithfully,

IRISH WOMEN WORKERS' UNION, LOUIE BENNETT,
Secretary.

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL S. KELLY,
WORKERS' UNION, *Branch Secretary.*

WORKERS' UNION OF IRELAND, JAMES LARKIN,
General Secretary.

**MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO
BOARD.***17th June, 1954.*

19. Since 17th May 68 male and 53 female patients were admitted, total, 111. One hundred and three of these were chargeable patients, of whom 61 were Temporary, 21 were Voluntary and 21 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted four Private Patients (2 Voluntary and 2 Temporary), two by Order of the High Court and two under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act for special treatment from Killarney Mental Hospital.

20. The Minister for Health has certified that the costs incurred in relation to the Inquiry held at Portrane on the 27th October last into the circumstances surrounding the death of female patient A. L. (30) amounted to £62 13s. 0d., and I have authorised payment accordingly. The Minister has indicated that expenditure of this nature does not rank for recoupment under the Health Services Grant.

In section I of the Health Services (Financial Provisions) Act, 1947, "net health expenditure" for the purposes of the grant is defined as follows:—

"the expression 'net health expenditure' when used in relation to a particular body and in respect of a particular year, means that part of the expenditure (other than capital expenditure and expenditure on loan charges) in respect of that year of that body certified by the Minister to have been properly incurred on recognised health services which is not met by—

(a) if that year is the standard year, State (1947-48) grants and minor receipts, and

- (b) if that year is not the standard year, minor receipts."

In my opinion, the cost of this Inquiry is an expense properly incurred on a recognised health service and, as such, it should rank for recoupment from the Health Services Grant.

Arising out of the Minister's findings on the evidence taken at the Inquiry, the Clerk of Works and the Chief Engineer have carried out a general examination of the arrangements for bathing patients in the two Hospitals, and they have submitted a joint report which is under examination at present.

21. A report has been received from the Ladies After Care Committee covering the period of twelve months ended 30th September, 1953, during which period the total number of visits paid to discharged patients, including those absent on trial, was 406, and employment was secured for a number of them. I have endorsed the Chief R.M.S.'s appreciation of the very valuable work carried out by the After-Care Committee which is of great assistance to the Medical Staff, and, on the Board's behalf, I have expressed sincere thanks to these ladies for their voluntary charitable work.

22. On the 18th December, 1952, the Board approved of a loan of £4,000 to defray the cost of kitchen and bakery equipment required for Grangegorman. The expenditure to date on foot of this loan totals £1,797 10s. 2d., and I propose to obtain a first instalment of £1,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works.

The Minister for Local Government has sanctioned the borrowing of a sum of £50,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for a period of 20 years to defray the cost of reconstructing the temporary buildings in Grangegorman, and of the two new staff houses at Portrane. This loan was approved by the Board on the 19th November last.

23. Tenders were invited on the 2nd April last for new external water mains and storage tanks in the female house at Grangegorman, and four were received, as follows:—

Tender No. 1	...	£14,150.
" 2	...	£15,456.
" 3	...	£16,000.
" 4	...	£18,261.

On the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Consulting Engineer, I have accepted the lowest tender, that of Messrs. McCann, Ltd., subject to the concurrence of the Minister for Health.

24. The loan of £5,500 which the Board approved on the 18th March last to defray the cost of sundry works and equipment at Grangegorman, included a sum of £500 for the purchase of a tow car for the fire pump. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have approved of the purchase for £385 of a 1952 model 10 cwt. pick-up "Fordson" truck which can be used for general purposes as well as for towing the fire pump.

25. In accordance with a resolution adopted on 2nd January, 1947, pursuant to Article 16 of the Third Schedule of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, Annual Meetings of the Board

are held on the third Thursday in July each year, or if the third Thursday falls in any year on a date earlier than 17th July, on the fourth Thursday in July in that year. As the third Thursday in July this year falls on 15th July, the Annual Meeting for 1954 must be held on Thursday, 22nd July.

26. The following are particulars of the results obtained in the Mental Nursing Examinations held by An Bord Altranais in May last :—

Forty-one Grangegorman candidates (3 male and 38 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 9 female attendants were successful. Eight candidates (2 male and 6 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, of whom 6 were successful (2 male and 4 female attendants), including one Male Attendant who got honours.

Twenty Portrane candidates (11 male and 9 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom one male attendant was successful. Four female candidates sat for the Final Examination, of whom one was successful.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon :—

Par. 9. Proposed by Councillor D. Larkin, seconded by Mr. John Smithers "That this report be referred to a Committee of the Whole Board at a meeting to be held on Thursday, 29th July."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 10. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. O'Shea Leamy "That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £4,275 in excess of the amount authorised in the Board's official Estimate and Demand for 1954-55 on the provision of extra nursing staff."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 20. The Board agrees with the Manager that this expenditure should rank for recoupment from the Health Services Grant.

Arising out of this part of the Manager's Report, it was proposed by Councillor D. Larkin, seconded by Mr. John Smithers "That at the meeting to be held on the 29th July next the Board should consider the procedure followed in the events leading up to the Inquiry on Oath held in Portrane in September and October last."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 26. Chief R.M.S. to report on the reason for the number of failures in the Mental Nursing Examinations.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 209.**24th June, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 24th day of June, 1954, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present : Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

MANAGER'S REPORT RE : FARM WORKER'S WAGES.*24th June, 1954.*

I have received from the Federation of Rural Workers an application for an increase of 4/- a week with effect from 3rd April, 1954, in the wages of farm workers, aged 19 years and over, employed by the Board. This claim is based on a recent agreement with the Agricultural Association of Ireland (as a result of a recommendation made by the Labour Court) which provided for the following :—

- (i) An increase of 4/- a week from 3rd April to workers aged 19 years and over who were paid a weekly rate of £5 or less immediately prior to 1st March, 1954.

- (ii) Revised minimum rates, operative from 3rd April 1954, as follows :—

Male workers aged :—

19 years and over	....	£4 16s. 6d. a week.
18 "	....	£4 6s. 6d. " "
17 "	....	£3 15s. 0d. " "
16 "	....	£3 7s. 6d. " "

for 48 hour week.

Payment of the increase to employees in receipt of over £5 a week is left to the discretion of the individual employers.

The rates paid by the Board at present for a 48 hour week and the minimum rates prescribed by the Agricultural Wages Board for a 50 hour week are as follows :—

	Agr. Wages Board. Minimum Rates	G.M.H. Board. Basic Rates.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Aged 20 years and over	4 14 0	5 2 6
Aged 19 years	4 14 0	4 17 6
Aged 18 years	4 6 6	4 8 6
Aged 17 years	3 15 0	3 19 0
Aged 16 years	3 7 6	3 11 6

All farm labourers employed by the Board are paid a harvest bonus, which averages 2/- a week; dairy workers are paid an additional 10/- a week.

The grant of an increase of 4/- a week to farm workers aged 19 years and over would cost approximately £660 per annum.

JOHN P. KEANE,
Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Order. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor William Lawless: "We recommend that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £660 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1954/55, on the payment of increased wages to farm workers".

Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

24th June, 1954.

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*

Since my last report on the 27th ultimo, 10 T.B. free Short-horn milch cows were purchased for £625, or an average of £62 10s. 0d. per cow. The purchase of these cows was made necessary by a decline in milk production during the early part of this month despite the fact that some 30 cows, including 7 heifers have calved since the beginning of May. Milk production is now back to normal and daily supplies

to Grangegorman and Portrane at present are 288 and 247 gallons respectively. There are 236 cows milking, giving a total production of 547 gallons or 2.37 gallons per cow.

The following table shows an analysis of the present daily production of the cows in milk :—

Over 5 gallons	2 cows
4-5 "	15 "
3-4 "	49 "
2-3 "	67 "
1-2 "	76 "
Under 1 "	27 "

2. Purchase and Sale of Livestock.

During the month of May the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold.

	Total Cost	Average per beast	Average per cwt.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) 14 bullocks	1,004 18 0	71 15 7	6 17 6
63 sheep	703 5 0	11 3 3	—
10 fat pigs (for G.M.H.)	205 0 0	20 10 0	—
1 boar	105 0 0	—	—

(b) 4 calves were sold for the following prices :—

1 for £12, 1 for £10, 1 for £9, and 1 for £6; Total £37
55 bonhams were sold :—44 @ £6 each, and 15 @ £5
each; Total £339.

30 store pigs were transferred to Grangegorman :—
12 @ £9 each, and 18 @ £8-10s. each; Total £261.

3. *Bulls.*

In my last report I mentioned the possibility of purchasing the semen of imported Friesian bulls from the Department of Agriculture. As a result of recent inquiries it was found that it is not possible to purchase any of this semen and the only way by which the services of these bulls can be obtained is by availing of the Department's insemination scheme.

4. *Mastitis.*

The marked decline in the incidence of this disease reported last month has been maintained. No fresh cases have occurred at Portrane, but two cases occurred at Ballymastone and one at Turvey. The few cases cleared up to the usual treatment.

5. *Grass.*

During the past month grass has made very satisfactory growth and there is ample supplies available for grazing and silage and an additional number of fields have been reserved for hay. The filling of the pits at Portrane and Turvey is in progress since 28th ultimo. Some of the grass used for silage would be more suitable for hay, as it had reached an advanced state before it was cut, but the weather was not suitable for haymaking at that time.

The cutting of the first field of the early haycrop has just begun.

6. *Crops.*

The planting of the potato crop was completed on the 26th ultimo, a total of 92 acres being planted. The earlier planted potatoes are making satisfactory growth. Two low-lying fields along the Turvey river, however, which were planted

when the ground was rather wet, show patches where the crop has rotted. The last fifteen acres to be planted was also in a low-lying field and, as these potatoes are only now appearing above ground, I cannot yet say how they will turn out. Due to the continual rainfall during the month of May the first and second early potato crops are still backward and it is doubtful if they will be ready for digging before the middle of July. The first spraying of the potato crop has now commenced.

All grain crops are making satisfactory progress with the exception of a few patches which were scalded. The sowing of the grasslands has been completed. The thinning of the fodder beet is in progress. One field which was planted with this crop at Portrane is rather backward but the field at Turvey is doing much better. This crop will be top dressed with nitrogen in the near future.

The final returns from the 1953 potato crop are now available and the following table gives details of the yield together with the figures for the four preceding years:—

Acreage planted (Map measurement)	Ware		Seed Tons	Yield per acre		Fed to Pigs Tons
				T.	C. Q.	
1949	76	647 00 0	35	8	19 1	120
1950	91	780 14 3	30	8	15 3	140
1951	87	711 00 0	30	8	11 0	130
1952	95	849 16 1	67	9	13 0	150
1953	96	817 13 3	30	9	00 0	150

7. Mill and Baler.

I have received an inquiry re the purchase of the mill-and-baler. As we have now purchased a combine harvester, we have no further use for the mill-and-baler. These machines

are now a drug on the market and are very difficult to dispose of. I recommend, therefore, that these machines be sold for any reasonable offer which can be obtained.

8. *Santry Court.*

Grass has recovered very well on this farm. Some 34 acres have been reserved for hay and an extra 53 cattle have been added to the stock which now consists of 30 calves, 110 yearlings, and 5 two-year-old heifers.

Eleven acres of wheat stubble have been cleaned and direct reseeded, and the fourteen acres of oats planted there promises to be a good crop. It appears that oats is more suitable to the soil of this farm than wheat.

JAMES HAYES,
Agricultural Manager.

Orders made thereon :—

Paragraphs 1 to 6. Noted.

Paragraph 7. Approved. Invite tenders by advertisement.

Paragraph 8. Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, PORTRANE.

1. *Vegetable Fields.*

All crops are doing well and there is a good supply of spring cabbage and autumn onions. I have just completed the weeding of spring onions (6 acres) and they are now being thinned. The crop appears quite promising. The weeding

and thinning of parsnips is in progress at the moment. Two acres of swede turnips have been thinned and grubbed, and I have just completed the sowing of a further $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres. One acre of early carrots has been sprayed with T.V.O. Four acres of ground is being prepared at the moment for brussel sprouts and cabbage.

2. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.*

All fruit and vegetables in this section are doing well. Apple and pear trees have received a fourth application of fungicide and insecticide spray and the young fruit at the moment appears to be clean and free from pests. The first picking of bush fruit commenced last week.

All flower beds on hospital grounds have been planted with summer flowering plants.

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3. Two acres of ground have been tilled and sown with brussel sprouts, leeks, turnips, lettuce and peas. Flower beds on grounds have been planted with flowering annuals. Recreation grounds and shrubberies are kept in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

28th May, 1954.

1. We visited Portrane Farms and Gardens on 28th May, 1954. At Turvey and Ballymastone we found everything in good order. All stock looked in good condition.

2. Tillage, which had been retarded owing to the previous bad weather was forward and is a tribute to the Farm Manager's and Head Gardener's efforts to make up the leeway caused by the very bad weather earlier in the year.

3. We visited the Farmyard and saw a fine lot of young sows, bonhams and stores.

4. The gardens looked well and cultivation was well advanced having regard to the difficulties experienced this year.

5. We were shown the site of the proposed new bridge over the river and we believe it will be an acquisition to the garden.

6. With Mr. Chalmers we visited the Ranger's House and saw the proposals for the new addition. We recommend the covering in of the yard to compensate him for the space which will be utilised for the improvements.

EUGENE TIMMONS

JAMES ANDREWS

JOHN SMITHERS

W. J. COLMAN.

Orders. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 29th July, date of next meeting of the Committee:—Councillor E. Timmons, Councillor C. M. Byrne, Councillor W. Lawless, Mr. T. O'Reilly.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 210.**22nd July, 1954.*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held in the Board-room, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 22nd day of July, 1954, Councillor Eugene Timmons in the Chair at the outset, afterwards Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman). The following members were also present :—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Aldermen Dr. Cormac Breathnach, Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D., Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Thomas Byrne, T.D., Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, C. J. Haughey, B.Comm., Gilbert Hughes, R. C. Keane, Anthony Lalor, Denis Larkin, T.D., T. J. Murray, P.C., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Mrs. Lillie O'Shea-Leamy, P.C., V. Harkins, Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Joseph E. Masterson, P.C., John Jones, R. Lawless, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor W. P. Donohoe.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 208, 17th June, 1954), were confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Denis Larkin proposed and Councillor B. Conway seconded, "That Mr. John Smithers be elected Chairman."

Councillor Mrs. Catherine Byrne proposed and Councillor Richard Keane seconded, "That Councillor W. J. Colman be elected Chairman."

Councillor James Andrews proposed and Councillor Gilbert Hughes seconded, "That Councillor Eugene Timmons be elected Chairman."

A poll was taken, in which Councillor E. Timmons received 13 votes, Councillor W. J. Colman 11 votes, and Mr. John Smithers 7 votes. The voting was as follows:—

For Councillor Timmons:—Alderman Breathnach, Councillors Haughey, Hughes, Mrs. Nix, Timmons, Harkins, Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Messrs. Chase, Jones, O'Reilly, Mrs. Keeble, Mrs. O'Byrne (13).

For Councillor Colman:—Councillors Mrs. C. Byrne, T. Byrne, Colman, Keane, Lalor, Murray, Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy, Miss Ennis, Messrs. Cahill, Masterson and R. Lawless (11).

For Mr. Smithers:—Councillors Conway, Cowan, Larkin, Taggart, W. Lawless, McCarthy, and Mr. Smithers (7).

Mr. John Smithers was eliminated, and the question was put to the members whether Councillor Timmons or Councillor Colman should be elected Chairman. Councillor Colman received 17 votes, and Councillor Timmons 14 votes. Councillor Colman was declared elected, and thereupon took the Chair.

The voting was as follows :—

For Councillor Colman :—Councillors Mrs. C. Byrne, T. Byrne, Colman, Conway, Keane, Lalor, Larkin, Murray, Mrs. O'Shea Leamy, Taggart, Miss Ennis, W. Lawless, P. McCarthy, Messrs. Cahill, Masterson, R. Lawless, Smithers (17).

For Councillor Timmons :—Alderman Breathnach, Councillors Cowan, Haughey, Hughes, Mrs. Nix, Timmons, Harkins, Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Messrs. Chase, Jones, O'Reilly, Mrs. Keeble and Mrs. O'Byrne (14).

On the proposal of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. John Jones, Councillor C. M. Byrne was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor P. Cowan proposed and Councillor Anthony Lalor seconded, "That those members of the Agricultural Committee who attended seven meetings or more during the past year be reappointed to hold office until the date of next Annual Meeting of the Board." The resolution was adopted unanimously, and the following members were declared appointed to the Agricultural Committee in accordance with the resolution :—

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

„ James Andrews.

„ C. M. Byrne.

„ Miss M. C. Ennis.

„ Gilbert Hughes.

„ William Lawless.

„ Eugene Timmons.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Mr. John Smithers.

The following members were proposed for the three remaining positions on the Committee, viz. :—

Councillor Sean Dunne.

" Anthony Lalor.

Mr. William Chase.

Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.

A poll was taken, in which Councillor A. Lalor and Mr. William Chase received 22 votes each, Mrs. C. Keeble 19 votes, and Councillor Sean Dunne 16 votes. Councillor A. Lalor, Mr. William Chase and Mrs. C. Keeble were declared appointed.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Cahill proposed and Councillor Richard Keane seconded, "That the existing Special Building Committee be reappointed, to hold office until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Board."

Passed unanimously.

The following were appointed members of the Special Building Committee under the foregoing resolution :—

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" E. Timmons.

" James Andrews.

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

" William Lawless.

" Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

" Patrick McCarthy.

Mr. John Cahill.

Mr. John J. Jones.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Mr. John Smithers.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 16th June to 21st July, 1954, as under, was submitted and signed :—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register, 16th June, 1954	1755	2034	3789
Admitted to, 21st July, 1954	78	80	158
Total	1833	2114	3947

Discharged to

	Males	Females	Total
21st July, 1954	65	47	112
Died to do.	6	7	13
Escaped to do.			
	71	54	125

Remaining on Hospital Register			
21st, July, 1954	1762	2060	3822
Absent on trial and escape, 21st July, 1954	26	17	43

Number actually resident on 22nd July, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book	1736	2043	3779
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DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital	875	1253	2128
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	861	790	1651
Total number resident as above, 22nd July, 1954	1736	2043	3779

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	....	....	2852
County of Dublin	....	....	517
County Wicklow	....	....	345
Criminal Lunatics	....	....	47
Non-district patients	....	....	18
TOTAL			3779

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons proposed and Councillor Mrs. Nix seconded the adoption of Report No. 209 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 24th June, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

1. On Tuesday, 8th June, we visited Portrane. With Dr. O'Sullivan, we proceeded to the Male infirmary and observed that the patients appeared to be well cared for. The various wards were clean and tidy, and their general condition reflects well on those responsible.

2. We visited the kitchen adjoining the main dining hall and found everything in good order.

3. The mid-day meal was just concluded for the male patients when we arrived at the dining hall, and preparations were being made to accommodate the female patients. Nurses and some working patients were busily engaged on the task.

4. After lunch, we visited the female occupational therapy rooms, and we were much impressed with the high standard of work in progress there.

5. During our visit to No. 3 Division, where many female bed-patients are accommodated, we tested the fire alarm. We were very much impressed by the prompt response to the alarm which clearly showed that in the event of an unfortunate outbreak of fire, the staff is competent to deal with it.

6. Visiting the Stores we were shown a sample of new steel containers to hold kitchen waste, a number of which are on order. We expressed the view to Mr. Chalmers, that these are too heavy to handle even with the aid of a trolley. The new containers are proposed as a substitute for the existing system of the disposal of kitchen waste, but we feel that they are cumbersome and unnecessarily heavy for the staff to handle, and we are doubtful if they will be a success.

We wish to thank Dr. O'Sullivan for his kindness and courtesy shown to us.

THOMAS O'REILLY.
JOHN CAHILL.
EUGENE TIMMONS.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

1st July, 1954.

1. On Tuesday, July 1, we visited Portrane. Accompanied by Dr. Hegarty, and later by Dr. Harte, we inspected the male and female infirmaries, where everything seemed to be in order.

2. In the male infirmary a case of suspected typhoid was isolated in a special room. We were informed that happily this is a rare occurrence.

3. We next visited the dining hall, where female patients were eating their dinner. The food, which was ample, appeared to be well cooked, and we did not get any complaints from the patients. We would like to pay a special tribute to the staff upon whom the heavy burden of this work falls.

We wish to thank Drs. Hegarty and Harte for their co-operation during the course of our Inspection.

WILLIAM CHASE.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

Order : Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 19th August, date of next meeting of the Board :—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

„ James Andrews.

„ C. M. Byrne.

Mrs. C. Keeble.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

„ Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

„ Gilbert Hughes.

„ William Lawless.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

16th July, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 12th instant, 3787 patients, viz. :—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	881	1251	2132
In Portrane	864	791	1655
TOTAL	1745	2042	3787

as compared with :—

	Males	Females	Total
12th July, 1953	1681	2066	3747
12th July, 1952	1626	1981	3607
12th July, 1951	1593	1951	3544
12th July, 1950	1591	1943	3534

this year's number being 40 more than on the corresponding date last year and 253 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. Since 14th ultimo, 61 male and 61 female patients were admitted, total 122. One hundred and sixteen of these were chargeable patients, of whom 65 were Temporary, 27 were Voluntary, and 24 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted two Private Temporary Patients, one patient by Order of the High Court, and one patient by order of the Minister for Justice, and two patients under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, for special treatment from Ardee Mental Hospital.

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst the patients or staff at Grangegorman during the past month. There were two cases of suspected enteric fever amongst the patients at Portrane, both of which are progressing satisfactorily.

4. Male patient B.W. (6686) escaped while coming from the Visiting Hall at Grangegorman on the 6th June. The patient was dressed in his own clothes and was able to leave undetected during the busy visiting hours. He was overtaken by two members of the staff in a car and brought back to the Hospital within half an hour.

Male patient C.M. (6711) escaped from Grangegorman on the 12th ultimo while the patients in his division were going from the dining hall to the dayroom. He was recaptured by members of the staff and Gardai the same day.

The Chief R.M.S. has enquired into these two escapes, and considers that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection therewith.

On the 11th June J.O'S. (6907), a liberty patient at Grangegorman, failed to return off pass. He was brought back by the Gardai on the 13th.

Male patient M.C. (7068), failed to return off pass from Grangegorman on the 12th ultimo. He was recaptured the following day.

Male patient M.R. (6916), a voluntary patient at Grangegorman, failed to report at supper time on the 17th June.

Male patient P.J.W. (7261), failed to return off pass from Grangegorman on the 19th June.

5. Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).—Male patient P.J. (7218), on the 21st June, during a tussle with another patient in No. 6 division dayroom at Grangegorman, fell and sustained an injury to his left elbow. An X-ray examination revealed a fracture without appreciable displacement. He was attended to by a Visiting Surgeon and is progressing satisfactorily. The Chief R.M.S. has enquired into the matter and does not attach blame to any member of the staff in connection with this incident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane were reported during the last month.

6. Excursions for working patients at Portrane are being held at present. Male patients are going to Roundwood and Glendalough, and the female patients to Mornington, Co. Louth.

7. On the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, I have appointed Dr. Patrick J. Aird to the position of Portrane Medical Superintendent. Dr. Aird was Senior Assistant Medical Officer in the Board's service until February, 1953, when he resigned on appointment as Resident Medical Superintendent of Ennis Mental Hospital.

8. On the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners I have appointed Dr. Robert A. McCarthy, Eglinton, Lee Road, Cork, to the vacant post of Senior Assistant Medical Officer created by Dr. Aird's resignation in February, 1953.

9. The painting of No. 5 Hospital division at Grangegorman was put in hands last month. While this work is going on it has been found necessary to transfer a number of patients temporarily to the new Male Visiting Hall. This arrangement is unavoidable, and unfortunately it will delay the opening of the hall for visiting purposes.

10. Section 71 of the Health Act, 1953, comes into operation on the 1st August next, and from that date the Board will be required to recoup the Public Assistance and the Gardai Authorities for expenses incurred in conveying chargeable patients to the hospital and also to pay the fees due to

dispensary doctors for examining chargeable patients. A token sum was included in the Estimate and Demand for 1954-55 to cover the latter expense, but nothing was provided against the former because of uncertainty about the date from which the Board's liability would commence and the difficulty of estimating the probable amount involved.

11. Satisfactory progress is being maintained in the reconstruction of the temporary buildings at Grangegorman by direct labour. The total expenditure on this scheme to the end of June amounted to £9,720.

12. Mr. Sean Mulcahy, the Board's Consulting Engineer, has prepared a specification and plans for the centralisation of heating and hot water services on the male side at Grangegorman, which I have approved and submitted to the Minister for Health. He has drawn attention again to the possibility that it may be necessary to replace one of the existing steam boilers on account of their age.

13. Further to Paragraph 12 of my report of the 11th June, I have been advised by the Board's Architect that the Quantity Surveyor estimates the cost of the new Stores Building at Grangegorman to be in the region of £19,000. The Architect considers it desirable to point and paint the exterior of the remaining buildings enclosing the stores yard, and he estimates that this work would cost £1,685.

14. With further reference to Paragraph 13 of my report of the 11th June, the sanction of the Minister for Health has

been obtained to the acceptance of the tender of the Griffon Boiler Co., Ltd., in the sum of £698 for re-bricking No. 3 steam boiler at Portrane. This work is in hands at present. A complete examination of three other boilers is required by the Insurance Co., and the results of the examination may require further substantial expenditure on repairs if the boilers are to be recommissioned.

Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, reports that the position of the boiler plant at Portrane is rather precarious, and the repairs to the boilers may threaten the continuity of the supply of steam. He has a large steam boiler arriving in Dublin for test before installation in a provincial hospital, and he has recommended that this boiler be installed in Portrane for testing, where it would represent a useful standby during the next two or three months. He considers that the cost of installing the boiler temporarily would be small, and he is obtaining estimates for the work involved.

15. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, following consultation with the Board's Architect, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Machinery and Mill Furnishers, Ltd., for the supply and installation of steam extraction units in the male and female kitchens at Grangegorman, for the sum of £762 8s. 0d. A sum of £850 has been provided in a recent loan to cover the cost of this work.

16. On the 19th November last the Board approved of the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of a sum of £50,000 to defray the cost of reconstructing the temporary buildings at Grangegorman, and the erection of

two staff houses at Portrane, repayable in instalments over a period of 20 years, with interest at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935. The deed of mortgage has been prepared by the Finance Solicitor, and it will be submitted to the Board for approval and sealing at the meeting on the 22nd instant.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 8. The Board congratulates Dr. P. J. Aird on his appointment as Portrane Medical Superintendent.

Par. 16. Proposed by Mr. John Cahill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. O'Shea Leamy, "That our corporate seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £50,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945."

Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters from the Corporation of Dublin (dated 29th June), from the Dublin County Council (dated 28th June), and from the Wicklow County Council (dated 1st July), advising the names of the persons appointed to represent these bodies

on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board during the ensuing year, viz. :—

DUBLIN CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVES (28).

Alderman	Dr. Cormac Breathnach.
"	Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D.
Councillor	Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A., Ph.D.
"	Mrs. Catherine Byrne.
"	Thomas Byrne, T.D., P.C.
"	William J. Colman, P.C., F.W.C.F.
"	Bernard Conway.
"	Peadar Cowan.
"	W. P. Donohoe, P.C.
"	C. J. Haughey, B.Comm., B.L., A.C.A.
"	Gilbert Hughes.
"	R. C. Keane.
"	Anthony Lalor.
"	Denis Larkin, T.D.
"	T. J. Murray, P.C.
"	Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.
"	Mrs. Lillie O'Shea-Leamy, P.C.
"	E. Timmons, P.C.
"	V. Harkins.
	John Cahill, Esq.
	William Chase, Esq.
	Joseph E. Masterson, Esq., P.C.
	John Jones, Esq.
	Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.
	R. Lawless, Esq.
	Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.
	Thomas O'Reilly, Esq.
	John Smithers, Esq.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (5).

Councillor James Andrews.

" J. Dignam, P.C.

" Sean Dunne, T.D.

" Sean Taggart.

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (3).

Councillor C. M. Byrne.

" W. Lawless.

" P. McCarthy.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.
JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 211.**29th July, 1954.*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD

A Special Meeting of the Board (sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board) was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 29th day of July, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Alderman Dr. Cormac Breathnach, Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Peadar Cowan, Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., E. Timmons P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, William Chase, Joseph E. Masterson, John Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, and Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

AGENDA:

To consider:—

- (a) The letter dated 12th April addressed to the Chairman by the Irish Woman Workers' Union, the Irish Trans-

port and General Workers' Union and the Workers' Union of Ireland about the staffing of the Board's Hospital and the Manager's Report thereon.

- (b) The procedure followed in the events leading up to the Inquiry on Oath held in Portrane Mental Hospital in September and October last.

NURSING STAFF

The Committee had under consideration the letter dated 12th April from the three Trade Unions representing the nursing staff (Report No. 208 of the 17th June, 1954, pages 184-186) and the Manager's Report thereon (pages 179-181 of Printed Report No. 208).

After some discussion, it was proposed by Councillor P. Cowan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Lalor "That a Special Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the detailed memorandum on the nursing staff in the Board's Hospitals submitted by the Trade Unions and to examine the staffing of the various divisions, and report back to the Board."

As an amendment, Councillor Gilbert Hughes proposed and Mr. John Cahill seconded "That, in view of recent additions to the nursing staff, the matter be referred back for further discussion between the Manager and the Trade Unions."

The amendment was put to the meeting and was declared lost, there being 8 votes for and 12 against.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and was adopted, there being 12 votes for and 8 against.

The following were appointed members of the Special Sub-Committee :—

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" P. Cowan.

" Sean Dunne.

" Miss M. C. Etnis

" Denis Larkin.

" William Lawless.

" Mrs. Nix.

Mr. John Cahill.

It was agreed that the Manager would have circulated to the members of the Special Sub-Committee the detailed memorandum submitted by the Trade Unions and other necessary information.

INQUIRY IN PORTRANE.

After a brief discussion it was decided to defer consideration of this Item to a further meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board to be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 19th August, 1954.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

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*Report No. 212.**19th August, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

BOARD MEETING

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 19th day of August, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :

City of Dublin Representatives :—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Gilbert Hughes, R. C. Keane, Anthony Lalor, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., E. Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Joseph E. Masterson, P.C., Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers and Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.

County Dublin Representatives :—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives :—Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 210 of the 22nd July, 1954) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 21st July, 1954 to 18th August, 1954, as under was submitted and signed :—

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
On Hospital Register, 21st July, 1954	1762	2060	3822
Admitted to 18th August, 1954 ...	34	50	84
	1796	2110	3906
Discharged	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
to 18th Aug., '54	30	31	61
Died to do.	2	9	11
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
	32	40	72
Remaining on Hospital Register on 18th August, 1954 ...	1764	2070	3834
Absent on trial and escape on 18th August, 1954 ...	17	16	33
Number actually resident on 19th August, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book. ...	1747	2054	3801

DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital ...	882	1257	2157
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	865	779	1644
Total number resident as above on 18th August, 1954 ...	1747	2054	3801

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2874
County of Dublin	...	...	518
County Wicklow	...	...	347
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	47
Non-district patients	...	...	15
TOTAL	...	...	3801

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD.

Councillor Denis Larkin proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 211 of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board held on the 29th July, 1954. *Passed unanimously.*

Pending the return of the Chief R.M.S., it was decided to defer further consideration of the second item on the Agenda for that meeting.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

28th July, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Dr. O'Brien, we visited the Female Hospital and the various wards including Nos. 22 and 22A. They were clean and tidy; the beds were well kept and there was a nice display of cut flowers. Many of the patients had visitors, the majority of whom had brought dainties which the patients seemed to enjoy. We noticed that, in the Visiting Hall, facilities were provided for the making of tea, which both visitors and patients seemed to enjoy.

2. In St. Anne's Ward we noted some bad patches on the floor. Painting and a general clean-up would improve same.

3. In the hospital kitchen food was being prepared. There was a well balanced diet, consisting of roast beef, potatoes and cabbage, with sweet figs and custard. There was also lunches prepared for special patients, which varied.

4. In No. 23a Insulin Ward, many of the patients had received treatment. The floor requires constant attention and we would recommend, owing to the shortage of patient labour, a mechanical floor washing and polishing machine.

5. After lunch, accompanied by the Matron, we visited No. 24 Division but found the majority of the patients were attending the circus. We called in for a short time and were impressed to see how the patients behaved and seemed to enjoy it.

6. We paid a passing visit to the butcher's shop. The meat was of exceptionally good quality and up to standard.

7. Finally we discussed with our Clerk of Works, Mr. Judge, many small problems, also his expenditure to date on painting, road making, etc. The roads will be completed by the end of August and the painting of the Male House by December. Floor repair in St. Anne's Ward are included in this year's estimate and will be attended to as early as possible.

We have to thank Dr. O'Brien and the Matron for their assistance.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.

C. M. BYRNE.

C. KEEBLE.

J. ANDREWS.

Order. At the request of Mrs. C. Keeble, it was decided that the original draft of this report which she had prepared should be circulated with the notices for the next monthly meeting of the Board.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

5th August, 1954.

1. An Inspection was carried out at Portrane Mental Hospital on Thursday, 5th August.

As we entered the Dining Hall, where the male patients were having dinner, a patient rushed up to show us his dinner and complained about it. On the plate were three potatoes—not well cleaned, (he had eaten two he said), some turnip and two slices of fat. The attendant said he thought the patient had been served with more than that so we took the plate to the kitchen. There we were told that this particular patient is a bit of a nuisance and had already had his dinner before our arrival. Whether he had or not, we still were of the opinion that such fat slices of meat should not be served to patients even though, as we were told, some patients love fat.

2. We must compliment the staff and patients on the speedy manner in which they clean up the Dining Hall after the male patients have had dinner and make it ready for the females.

3. As we saw the female patients at dinner we had to listen to complaints of a petty nature, and of course, we had many requests from patients who wanted to go home.

4. The Male Hospital looked very bright and cheerful and the numerous plants added a colourful note. All the patients to whom we spoke said they were very comfortable and all looked very clean and tidy.

5. The T.B. Section was a credit to the Hospital and all patients seemed quite happy.

6. In the Female Hospital the same note of cleanliness and comfort was apparent. It was amazing to see the progress

made by the little blind child. She was being helped to walk by one of the patients who has become a second mother to the child.

7. In No. 6 Female Division, it is remarkable how so many old women all looked so clean and comfortable.

8. One patient to whom we spoke as we were going around the female section asked for history books to be supplied to the Library as she is particularly fond of reading history.

9. The new wing being built is progressing rapidly and gives every appearance of being a strong and lasting structure.

We return thanks to Dr. Meenan for his courtesy and kindness in showing us around.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.
CATHERINE BYRNE.
GILBERT HUGHES.
WILLIAM LAWLESS.

Orders made thereon :—

Par. 1. Refer to Acting Branch R.M.S.

Par. 2 to 9. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 16th September, date of next meeting of the Board :—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

Mr. Joseph E. Masterson

Mr. William Chase

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" Anthony Lalor

" Richard Keane

" Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

13th August, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 10th instant 3791 patients, viz.:—

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegorman	...	882	1264	2146
In Portrane	...	865	780	1645
TOTAL	...	1747	2044	3791

as compared with :—

10th August, 1953	...	1693	2059	3752
10th August, 1952	...	1634	1983	3617
10th August, 1951	...	1604	1958	3562
10th August, 1950	...	1583	1943	3526

this year's number being 39 more than on the corresponding date in 1953 and 265 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Acting Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. On the 9th July a female patient at Grangegorman was found to be suffering from typhoid fever. The case has been reported to the Minister for Health and the City Medical Officer of Health.

3. With the approval of the Minister for Health the Chief R.M.S. has been granted special leave to represent the Board at the Fifth International Congress on Mental Health which is being held in Toronto from the 14th to the 21st August. The Chief R.M.S. is taking annual leave following the Congress and he will be absent from the Hospital from the 4th August to the 12th September during which period Dr. Evelyn O'Brien is Acting as Chief R.M.S.

4. On the 20th July female patient E.M. (6332) escaped from the recreation grounds and went to her brother's home in the city from where she was brought back to the hospital by staff nurses. The patient said that she climbed over the back wall near St. Laurence's Hospital. The Acting Chief R.M.S. investigated the circumstances of this escape and assures me that there was no negligence on the part of the staff.

5. On the morning of the 2nd July, male patient J.C. (6235) in Grangegorman, threw a boot at male patient T. McM. (6073) striking him in the face. An X-ray report indicated an almost certain fracture of the nasal bones and the injured patient received treatment by a Visiting Surgeon.

Female patient P.G. (606) accidentally slipped and fell in a dayroom at Grangegorman and sustained a crack fracture of a finger. She received treatment and is progressing satisfactorily.

The Acting Chief R.M.S. is satisfied that there was no negligence on the part of any member of the staff in connection with these accidents, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

Male patient T.N. (7377) was admitted on the 12th July with a history of having attempted suicide by cutting his throat. He had wounds on the neck which were treated by a Visiting Surgeon.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane were reported during the last month.

6. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman). On the 10th July Nurse M. McM fainted while in the Nurses' Home and fell to the floor injuring her head and right wrist. She was off duty from the 11th to the 19th July.

On the 25th July male nurse J.B. was injured by a fall from his bicycle while off duty. He was incapacitated until the 5th August.

Nurse A.C. sustained a fracture of her great toe when a box fell on it on the 22nd June. She was off duty until the 6th July.

Nurse M.M. was injured in a bicycle accident on the 21st July while off duty. She was incapacitated until the 5th August.

J. McM. domestic, cut the second finger of her left hand when using a bread cutting machine on the 17th July. She was off duty until 30th July.

W.M. temporary carpenter, slipped from a ladder on the 5th instant. He complained of a pain in the back and was sent for X-ray. He has been off duty since that date.

7. Accidents to Staff (Portrane). On the 16th July male nurse J.B. fell in the General Dining Hall and sustained a small fracture of the bone of the thumb. He has been off duty since that date.

B. McG. assistant gardener, was involved in a collision with a motor cyclist while off duty and received injuries to his right hand. He has been incapacitated since 18th July.

On the 17th July male nurse J.M. was struck on the mouth by a patient and sustained a cut of the lip. He was off duty for 2 days as a result.

Female Attendant B.F. returned from leave on the 10th July suffering from an injury to her wrist sustained when she fell off her bicycle. She was off duty for four days.

M.R. juvenile farm labourer, received an injury to his face caused by a fall from his bicycle when he was going home for dinner on the 9th July. He was treated by an Assistant Medical Officer and was not able to resume work until the 15th July.

Other minor injuries to members of the Portrane staff were reported, none of which caused incapacity.

8. With further reference to Paragraph 20 of my report of 17th June, the Board's Law Adviser has expressed the opinion that the cost of the Inquiry on Oath into the death of female patient A.L. (30) should rank for recoupment under the Health Services Grant. On his recommendation I have written to the Minister for Health for a formal certificate that this expenditure was properly incurred on a recognised health service.

9. Rev. R. G. McCollum was instituted as incumbent of Donabate and Lusk on the 16th July and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health, I have appointed him Protestant Chaplain to Portrane with effect from the 17th July.

10. Construction of the six new staff houses at Portrane is well advanced and the laying of the roof tiles is almost completed.

Tenders were invited for the plastering work in connection with the scheme and seven were received, viz.:—

- (1) £845.
- (2) £876.
- (3) £964.
- (4) £1,098.
- (5) £1,140.
- (6) £1,158
- (7) £1,347 9s. 8d.

The Contractor who submitted the lowest tender required eleven weeks to complete the work. The Board's Architect could not advise its acceptance because of the length of time required and, on his recommendation, I have accepted the second lowest tender that of Mr. James Carroll, 73 Harold's Cross Road, who has undertaken to complete the work within four weeks.

11. Five tenders were received on a "Schedule of Rates" basis for the internal and external plastering in the reconstruction of No. 4 Division at Grangegorman. On the recommendation of the Architect I have accepted the tender of Mr. James Carroll who submitted the lowest rates.

12. I have received from the Board's Architect a set of drawings for the reinforced concrete work in the new Female Visiting Hall prepared by a Consulting Structural Engineer. The drawings have been submitted to the Minister for Health for approval and I have asked that they be dealt with as a matter of urgency in order that the preparation of tender documents for this scheme will not be further delayed.

13. The Minister for Health has approved the sketch plans for the proposed Children's Division at Portrane, and I am awaiting approval to the plans submitted for the combined services to this division and No. 10 Division.

14. The draft Deed of Mortgage for the loan of £5,500 for Sundry Works and Equipment at Grangegorman has been received from the Commissioners of Public Works and returned approved. I hope to have the completed Deed for submission to the Board at the meeting on the 19th instant. The borrowing of this sum was approved by the Board at its meeting on 18th March last.

15. On the 19th November last the Board approved of the lease of a plot of ground at Santry Court, comprising 4 acres 3 roods and 10 perches or thereabouts to the Clonliffe Harriers for a term of 99 years, subject to a fine of £500 plus a rent of £120 a year. The Minister for Health had informed the Board that he was prepared to consent to a lease on these terms on the basis of the land being used by an Amateur Club and not for development as a factory or building site.

In compliance with the terms of the Board's approval and the Minister's consent the Board's Law Adviser was instructed to prepare a lease which contained a restriction on the use of the land for business purposes.

I have now received a letter dated 4th August from the Clonliffe Harriers in which they ask that the Board would permit them to use the road frontage for commercial advertising.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

19th August, 1954.

16. Since 12th ultimo 56 male and 68 female patients were admitted, total 124. One hundred and eighteen of these were chargeable patients, of whom 60 were Temporary, 23 were Voluntary and 35 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted three Private Patients (one Voluntary, one Temporary and one Person of Unsound Mind), one by order of Minister for Justice, and two patients for special treatment from Killarney Mental Hospital under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

17. Further to Paragraph 13 of my report of the 13th instant, I have since received the Minister's approval to the plans prepared by the Board's Consulting Engineer for the combined services to the proposed Children's Division and No. 10 Division at Portrane, which are estimated to cost £4,120.

18. There is a matter in connection with a patient recently discharged which I would like to discuss with the Board in Committee at the conclusion of this meeting.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon :—

Par. 14. Noted that deed of mortgage had not been received up to the date of meeting.

Par. 15. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Anthony Lalor "That permission to use the road frontage at Santry Court for commercial advertising be not granted." *Passed unanimously.*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD.

At the conclusion of the Board Meeting, the members present considered in Committee a verbal report from the Manager on the settlement in the case of M.R. (5765) v. The Board.

The Chief Clerk's letter dated 11th August to the Department of Health on this subject was read. The members noted and approved the action taken by the Manager in the matter.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,

Chairman.

EVELEEN O'BRIEN,

Acting Chief R.M.S.

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The first of the series of lectures was given on the 1st of October, 1880, at the University of Cambridge, and was attended by a large number of students and members of the public.

The second lecture was given on the 8th of October, 1880, at the same place.

The third lecture was given on the 15th of October, 1880, at the same place.

The fourth lecture was given on the 22nd of October, 1880, at the same place. It was attended by a large number of students and members of the public, and was very successful.

The fifth lecture was given on the 29th of October, 1880, at the same place. It was attended by a large number of students and members of the public, and was very successful.

The sixth lecture was given on the 5th of November, 1880, at the same place.

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The eleventh lecture was given on the 10th of December, 1880, at the same place.

The twelfth lecture was given on the 17th of December, 1880, at the same place.

The thirteenth lecture was given on the 24th of December, 1880, at the same place.

The fourteenth lecture was given on the 31st of December, 1880, at the same place.

*Report No. 213.**26th August, 1954.*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 26th day of August, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:—Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, William Lawless, Anthony Lalor, Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. W. Chase, T. P. O'Reilly, John Smithers and Mrs. C. Keeble.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

26th August, 1954.

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since my last report on the 24th June, 47 T.B. free milch cows (45 Short-horns and 2 Friesians) were purchased. Eleven of these have not yet been paid for and the cost of the remainder was £2,285, or £63 9s. 5d. per cow. Milk production has been well maintained with the purchase of these cows, and the present daily supply is 288 gallons to Grangegorman and

240 gallons to Portrane. The present daily production of 540 gallons from 268 cows represents an average of 2.01 gallons per cow.

The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production of the cows:—

4-5 gallons	...	14 cows
3-4	"	53 "
2-3	"	91 "
1-2	"	72 "
Under 1 gallon	...	38 "

2. *Purchases and Sale of Livestock*.—During the months of June and July the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold:—

JUNE, 1954:—

	Total Cost.		Av. per beast.		Av. per Cwt.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
(a) 10 milch cows	625	0 0	62	10 0	—	—
12 bullocks	938	0 0	78	4 0	6	14 8
8 fat pigs	133	0 1	16	12 6	—	—
10 fat pigs (for G.M.H.)	185	10 0	18	11 0	—	—

(b) Twenty-six calves were sold for the following prices:—
1 @ £14, 1 @ £13, 3 @ £11, 1 @ £10 10s. 0d., 1 @
£9 10s. 0d., 4 @ £9, 1 @ £8 10s. 0d., 5 @ £8, 6 @
£7, 1 @ £6 10s. 0d. and 2 @ £5 10s. 0d.;
Total £224 0s. 0d.

Twenty-four store pigs were transferred to Grangegorman
@ £9; total £216. Five fat sows were sold in the market at
a total of £113 0s. 9d. nett.

JULY, 1954 :—

	Total Cost			Av. per beast.			Av. per cwt.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(a) 26 milch cows	1,660	0	0	63	16	11	—	—	—
24 bullocks ...	1,660	18	0	69	9	1	6	4	10
55 sheep ...	436	10	0	7	18	8	—	—	—
4 fat pigs ...	65	0	0	16	5	0	—	—	—

- (b) Twenty-three calves were sold for the following prices :—
 6 @ £13, 2 @ £12, 1 @ £11, 4 @ £10, 3 @ £9, 2 @ £8,
 1 @ £7 10s. 0d., 3 @ £7, and 1 @ £6 10s. 0d.; total
 £231 0s. 0d. Six bonhams were sold, 4 @ £6 and 2 @
 £5; total £34 0s. 0d. Eighteen bonhams were trans-
 ferred to Grangegorman @ £7 10s. 0d.; total £135 0s. 0d.,
 48 store pigs were transferred to Grangegorman @
 £7 10s. 0d.; total £360 0s. 0d., and 20 were sold to
 Crooksling Sanatorium @ £7 15s. 0d.; total £155 0s. 0d.
 Six fat sows were sold for £135 9s. 0d. nett.

3. *Mastitis*.—During the period under review milk samples from all cows in the herd were bacteriologically tested for mastitis. A number of cows which were found to have infected udders were treated by infusions by the Veterinary Surgeon. An acute outbreak which occurred at Turvey affected six milch cows, one dry cow and one in-calf heifer. A few of the cows affected may lose quarters. On the whole, however, outbreaks of mastitis are not as serious or as frequent as at this time in previous years.

4. *Grass*.—Grass made good growth on all farms during the past two months. Ample supplies were available for grazing and silage and an additional number of fields were mown for hay. The making of silage at Portrane and Turvey was completed on the 3rd August. Approximately 1,100 tons

of grass was insiled. This is about 200 tons less than last year, but both pits are well filled.

All the maincrop hay, 137 st. acres, has been cut and saved.

About 164 acres of grassland at Portrane, Ballymastone and Turvey have received a top-dressing of one cwt. per statute acre of nitrogen. With the aftergrass from silage and hay it is expected that there will be enough grass available to maintain the dairy herd and young stock.

5. Crops.—The weeding and moulding of the potato crop was completed in July. The crop is now receiving its fourth and possibly last spraying and so far there is no sign of blight. The digging of the first early potatoes commenced on the 9th July. In quality and yield per acre the newly-dug crop is satisfactory considering the season. One eleven acre field gave a yield of 92 tons, 9 cwt. 2 qrs. or 8 tons, 8 cwt. per acre. The continued wet season may have an adverse affect on the yield of the main-crop in low-lying fields.

The thinning of the fodder beet crop was completed and the crop is now receiving its final weeding. The crop is now looking fairly promising but may not be as good as last year, as in the early part of the season the crop made slow growth due to the excessive rainfall and heavy infestation of weeds. The crop has received a top-dressing of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. of nitrogen per statute acre.

The wheat and barley crops have made very good growth and look promising. The recent rains and storms have lodged the barley, but so far all the wheat is standing. No wheat has been cut so far, but the early sown winter wheat will be ready, for the combined harvester before the end of the month.

6. Santry Court.—The present stock on this farm consists of 87 calves and 53 yearling heifers. Grass did not make as good growth on this farm as on the other farms, and, on the recommendation of Mr. Jennings, the Agricultural Instructor,

64 acres of pasture were given a second dressing of artificial manures. Thirty-four acres of hay have been cut and saved. Eleven acres of grass which was directly reseeded is making good growth and is grazing well.

The oat crop (14 acres) on this farm has been affected by mildew. This is probably due to the very damp season and the heavy shading of the field by the woods. I am not aware of any treatment that could be applied to this disease. The crop is standing well and looks promising.

7. Mill-and-baler.—This equipment was advertised for sale and three offers were received. The highest offer was £400, which I considered very satisfactory, and the machine was therefore sold at this price.

8. Artificial Insemination.—Serving of cows recommenced on the 17th instant after a seasonal lapse of approximately six weeks. It has been decided to avail of the Department of Agriculture's insemination scheme which is administered to this area through the Dublin District Milk Board. This step has been taken in order to obtain the services of Friesian and Aberdeen-Angus bulls, recently introduced to this scheme, which now includes the best bulls in the country of the following breeds:—Shorthorn, Friesian, Kerry, Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus. The Friesian bulls at present available to this area consist of three English bred animals by Dutch sires.

I have inspected these with Mr. Mahony at Grange and have also examined their pedigrees and we are both satisfied that they are suitable for use in building up a Friesian herd here.

The Milk Board has arranged a seven-day week service to farmers at the following current charges as fixed by the Department:—

Shorthorn	15/-
Friesian	20/-
Hereford	} 25/-
Aberdeen Angus	

These charges include two repeat services, free of charge, within three months of the initial insemination, where necessary, and are less than our own costs which I estimate for the current year at 27/- per animal.

The bulls maintained here at present are :—

Nairn Rolibert	aged 9 years	—Friesian
Oldpark Hiljedo	„ 5 „	—Friesian
Portrane Promise	„ 1½ „	—Shorthorn
Cloverhill Paragon	„ 1½ „	—Hereford.

It will now be necessary to dispose of some of these and my recommendation in this respect is to sell the Shorthorn and the old Friesian and to retain the other two :—the younger Friesian until he is proven and the Hereford for use with " shy breeders ".

JAMES HAYES,
Agricultural Manager.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS.

8th July, 1954.

1. We visited Portrane Farm and Gardens on 8th July. We inspected the new cooling machines and the expenditure certainly appears justified.
2. Forty acres of potatoes were inspected and a large acreage of wheat and barley. All crops were up to a high standard and showed great care in cultivation. Mr. Hayes showed us a new variety of wheat Cappelle, and we are of the opinion this variety will prove very valuable. Unless appearances are deceptive, the yield should be very high.
3. The stock were all in good condition ; the pigs especially looking first class.

4. The gardens were in good order and all planting up-to-date.

We thank Mr. Hayes for his assistance.

W. LAWLESS.
T. P. O'REILLY.
EUGENE TIMMONS
C. M. BYRNE.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens for the ensuing period to 23rd September, 1954, date of next meeting of Agricultural Committee :—

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

„ James Andrews.

„ Anthony Lalor.

Mrs. C. Keeble.

EXAMINATION OF PORTRANE FARM COSTS FOR YEAR 1952-53.

Consideration of Report on Examination of Portrane Farm Costs for the year 1952-53 was postponed to next meeting.

K. KEANE,

Acting Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

EVELEEN O'BRIEN,
Acting Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 214.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital

ACCOUNTS FOR 1953-54

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K. KEANE,
Accountant.

TABLE I.—RECEIPTS

Actual Receipts 1950-51	Actual Receipts 1951-52	Actual Receipts 1952-53		Estimated Receipts 1953-54	Actual Receipts 1953-54	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£	RECEIPTS FOR PAYING PATIENTS :	£	£	£	£
37,293	29,992	29,802	(a) City of Dublin Account ...	27,000	34,276	7,276	—
7,034	7,523	7,466	(b) County Dublin Account ...	6,000	11,058	5,058	—
2,560	2,702	2,738	(c) Co. Wicklow Account ...	2,500	3,908	1,408	—
36,887	40,217	41,026	TOTAL FOR PATIENTS FROM CONTRIBUTING AREA ...	35,500	49,242	13,742	—
3,404	3,619	3,745	(d) Criminal Lunatic Service Patients ...	3,500	4,144	644	—
3,872	4,333	5,071	(e) Criminal Lunatics ...	5,000	5,254	254	—
2,561	2,833	2,978	(f) Non-District Patients ...	2,500	4,206	1,706	—
46,724	50,922	52,829	TOTAL FOR PAYING PATIENTS ...	46,500	62,846	16,346	—
12,533	7,389	8,549	Farm Account Sales ...	8,000	11,641	3,641	—
102	296	578	Sale of Offal and Old Stores ...	200	335	135	—
774	531	816	Interest allowed by Treasurer ...	—	610	610	—
509	218	358	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	150	182	32	—
8,334	9,627	9,569	Superannuation Contributions ...	9,500	10,385	885	—
5,034	5,400	5,339	Deductions from Salaries and Wages ...	5,100	4,352	—	748
£74,120	£74,451	£78,029	TOTAL ...	£69,450	£90,351	£20,901	—

TABLE II.—EXPENDITURE.

Expenditure 1950-51	Expenditure 1951-52	Expendi- ture 1952-53		Estimated Expendi- ture 1953-54	Actual Expendi- ture 1953-54	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
106,604	109,761	126,738	Food, Drink and Tobacco ...	126,000	129,274	13,274	—
62,560	67,813	71,904	Farm Expenses ...	74,300	77,572	3,272	—
2,851	2,344	2,293	Materials for Washing or Cleansing ...	2,500	2,593	93	—
9,293	8,739	7,354	Medicines ...	7,000	6,710	—	290
65,745	70,388	59,217	Heating, Lighting and Water Supply ...	67,000	53,152	—	13,848
33,405	48,519	38,271	Clothing and Bedding ...	20,000	42,996	2,996	—
10,862	8,776	7,432	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware ...	7,500	9,153	1,653	—
3,894	7,851	2,794	Medical and Surgical Appliances ...	3,000	2,296	—	604
209,385	231,899	241,535	Salaries and Wages ...	264,200	263,097	—	1,153
37,430	34,102	36,377	Superannuations, etc. ...	37,000	35,157	—	1,843
15,399	20,382	22,852	Structural alterations, Repairs, etc. ...	22,720	25,356	2,636	—
2,424	3,129	3,148	Stationery, Printing and Advertising ...	3,000	3,216	216	—
4,496	3,963	4,121	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	4,500	4,342	—	158
413	537	345	Re-afforestation of Portlands ...	200	325	125	—
7,031	7,919	8,561	Miscellaneous Expenses ...	8,200	10,891	2,691	—
12,971	13,832	13,273	Loan Charges ...	14,000	15,590	—	440
226	120	309	Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals	100	1,049	949	—
£364,779	£347,114	£346,532		£362,270	£362,429	£10,159	—

Additional Expenditure amounting to £29,760 was specially authorised by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 25 of the County Management Act, 1945, during the year 1953-54.

GRANGEGORMAN FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1954.

1953	Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1954	Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
April 1	To Value of Stock on hand :—			Mar. 31	By Cash Sales ...		
	Live Stock ...	2,209 0 0			.. Value of Produce supplied :		—
	Produce ...	80 0 0			Other Root Crops ...	333 6 6	
	Implements ...	60 0 0			Other Vegetables ...	1,089 18 0	
			2,419 0 0		Fruit ...	52 4 0	
					Raccoon ...	9,668 19 1	
					Flowers and Plants ...	50 0 0	
1954							11,194 8 1
Mar. 31	.. Cash Expenditure during Year :—				.. Pigs transferred to Portrane		—
	Paid Labour ...	936 0 0			.. Keep of Horses not employed on Farm work		320 0 0
	Manure ...	—			.. Value of Stock on hand :—		
	Implements ...	53 14 0			Live Stock ...	2,278 0 0	
	Seeds and Plants ...	267 14 9			Produce ...	60 0 0	
	Pigs ...	329 10 0			Implements ...	60 0 0	
	Other Live Stock ...	25 0 0					2,398 0 0
	Fodder & Feeding Stuff	1,414 19 3					
	Miscellaneous ...	42 7 6					
	Maintenance ...	108 18 8					
	Fuel, Light and Water	377 10 0					
			3,585 14 2				
	Pigs received from Portrane	—	3,929 0 0				
	.. Other Charges :—						
	Estimated Rental ...	170 0 0					
	Value of Offal ...	150 0 0					
			320 0 0				
	.. Profit for Year, excluding any charge for Patient Labour ...	—	3,838 13 11				
			£14,112 8 1				£14,112 8 1

PORTRANE FARM ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1954.

1953	Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1954	Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
April 1	To Value of Stock on hand:			Mar. 31	By Cash Sales:—		
	Live Stock	26,728 10 0			Hides, Skins & Woods	1,255 13 4	
	Farm Produce	7,130 0 0			Calves sold	1,497 5 0	
	Implements	8,956 12 3			Pigs sold	2,120 10 6	
			42,825 2 3		Manure	—	
					Wheat	5,599 10 6	
					Barley	1,155 0 0	
1954							11,628 19 4
Mar. 31	.. Cash Expenditure for Year:—				Pigs to Grangegorman		3,929 0 0
	Paid Labour	23,390 10 2			.. Produce Supplied:—		
	Manures	2,645 1 1			Potatoes	11,480 10 5	
	Implements	3,112 16 3			Milk	24,231 13 9	
	Seeds and Plants	1,001 18 1			Pork	1,351 6 1	
	Livestock	22,475 18 6			Butcher's Meat	21,254 17 10	
	Fodder & Feeding Stuff	7,567 4 8					58,218 8 1
	Freight	25 16 11			.. Value of Horse Hire and Labour supplied for Institution purposes solely		390 0 0
	Vet. attendance	1,094 7 11					
	Petrol, Oil, Electricity from E.S.B., etc.	2,043 7 2			.. Value of Stock on hands:		
	Maintenance & repairs	3,182 15 1			Live Stock	28,013 15 0	
	Fuel, Light & Water supplied	912 4 8			Farm Produce	8,149 5 2	
	Market Expenses	21 12 6			Implements	7,683 10 6	
	Rates	547 1 2					43,846 10 8
	.. Other Charges:—		68,993 12 2				
	Estimated Rental	1,720 0 0					
	Offal Supplied	150 0 0	1,870 0 0				
	.. Pigs from Grangegorman						
	.. Profit for Year, excluding any charge for patient labour		6,324 3 6				
			£118,012 18 1				£118,012 18 1

PORTRANE GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1964.

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TABLE showing Daily Average Number of Patients Resident and Average Daily Cost for each patient.

Year Ended	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident	AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH PATIENT		
		Grangeurman	Portrane	Total
31st March, 1946 ...	3,351	s. d. 6 4.69	s. d. 6 9.95	s. d. 6 6.93
31st March, 1947 ...	3,352	6 9.64	6 10.50	6 10.02
31st March, 1948 ...	3,302	8 7.27	7 10.01	8 3.29
31st March, 1949 ...	3,393	8 8.87	8 7.48	8 8.25
31st March, 1950 ...	3,441	8 3.40	7 7.39	7 11.91
31st March, 1951 ...	3,524	8 10.98	8 1.71	8 6.94
31st March, 1952 ...	3,533	9 10.73	9 2.53	9 7.09
31st March, 1953 ...	3,620	10 1.49	9 5.42	9 9.98
31st March, 1954 ...	3,730	10 4.03	9 8.80	10 0.83

These costs are calculated in accordance with Articles 93 and 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

SUMMARY OF GRANGEGORMAN AND PORTRANE CANTREEN ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1953-54.

Grangegorman, Dublin.

Dr.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1953-54.		Cr.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Value of Stock at commencement of Year	734	5 8	By Cash Sales	16,624 18 1
.. Purchases	14,535	8 1	.. Tobacco bonuses	41 0 9
.. Wages, Canteen Attendants	182	0 9	.. Sundry Receipts	8 11 7
.. Other Working Expenses	104	18 6	.. Interest on Deposit Accounts	35 11 10
.. Bonus to Canteen Manager	160	5 11	.. Value of Stock on hand	1,133 12 8
.. Audit Fee	14	14 0		
.. Balance (Profit on Trading) to Balance Sheet	2,092	2 0		
	£17,843	14 11		£17,843 14 11

Dr.		BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1954.		Cr.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Dr.				By	
To Sundry Appropriations, viz.				Balance from 1952-53 Account	
Gratuities to Patients		712	12 6	1,920 8 1	
Games for Patients, Prizes for Tournaments, Sports and Travelling Expenses for Sports Parties		287	1 5	Balance from Profit and Loss Account brought down	
Extras for Patients, Concert Parties, etc.		837	17 7	2,092 2 0	
Wireless receivers repaired, Cinema repairs		101	8 9		
		1,939	0 3		
Balance to next account		2,073	9 10		
		£4,012	10 1	£4,012 10 1	

*Report No. 215.**16th September, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****BOARD MEETING**

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 16th day of September, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C., (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A., Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, Gilbert Hughes, R. C. Keane, Anthony Lalor, T. J. Murray, P.C., E. Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Joseph E. Masterson, P.C., Thomas O'Reilly, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives:—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives:—Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Mrs. O'Shea Leamy and Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 212 of the 19th August 1954) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 18th August to 15th September, 1954, as under was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register, 18th August, 1954 ...	1,764	2,070	3,834
Admitted to 15th Sept., 1954 ...	45	56	102
	1,809	2,126	3,935

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged to 15th Sept., 1954 ...	39	39	78
Died to do. ...	7	5	12
Escaped to do. ...	—	—	—
	46	44	90

Remaining on Hospital Register ...			
15th Sept., 1954. ...	1,763	2,082	3,845
Absent on trial and escape, 15th September, 1954 ...	18	20	38
Number actually resident on 16th September, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book ...	1,745	2,062	3,807

DISTRIBUTION

Number of Patients in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital ...	885	1,261	2,146
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	860	801	1,661
Total number resident as above	1,745	2,062	3,807

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	2,888
County of Dublin ...	510
County Wicklow ...	348
Criminal Lunatics ...	44
Non-district patients ...	17
TOTAL ...	3,807

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor William Lawless proposed and Councillor C. M. Byrne seconded the adoption of Report No. 213 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 26th August, 1954.

Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN
MENTAL HOSPITAL

28th July, 1954.

Accompanied by Dr. O'Brien and Deputy Asst. Matron Miss Hughes :—

1. On entering Visiting Hall 22a, patients had their friends. Some were having a cup of tea. The place was comfortable.

(22 Female Ward) Patients had visitors. Wireless was on. Bed patients were comfortable, clean and tidy. Up patients were reading or otherwise engaged. One patient,

isolated, has a mild form of typhoid fever. The usual precautions necessary to avoid infection were taken.

(22, St. John's Ward). Patients were noisy, otherwise comfortable. Fire in ward. Dr. O'Sullivan was examining patients for general condition.

(22a, St. Joseph's Ward), has a number of wet cases, mostly aged. Some are troublesome at times. Visitors were seeing their friends.

(22, St. Mark's). Most of the patients were in bed. Fire in ward. Patients had visitors.

2. (St. Clare's Ward). Special admission for insulin treatment. Patients were happy and comfortable.

3. (St. Anne's Ward). Patients were after insulin treatment, 14 in all. They were sitting round a nice fire enjoying each others' jokes. The ward was clean, well polished. Lunch was served in the ward. Wireless was on. The floor repair and painting of this ward, the Visiting Committee are satisfied, is covered in this year's estimates by the Clerk of Works.

4. The Electric Shock Treatment room is well equipped, clean and tidy.

We visited the Hospital kitchens. Meals were in preparation for wards already visited. Consisted of roast beef, cabbage, potatoes, for sweet, figs and custard.

Dietary for patients under special treatment is carried out with efficiency by the kitchen staff, under the nurse in charge who is very capable.

5. 23a Insulin Ward. Patients were up after treatment which commences at 7.15 a.m. 15 females; 15 males. Result of treatment is very good.

Lunch was over ; consisted of roast beef, cabbage, potatoes, sweet, rhubarb and custard. The maple floor in this ward was marked badly by the beds, when moved about. Owing to the shortage of workers, the Visiting Committee would recommend mechanical floor washing machine to keep the ward clean.

6. We visited the Butcher's shop. The meat was of good quality. The floors and walls and general cleanliness are a great credit to the staff employed.

Male dining hall, second dinner. Patients were well looked after ; goods meals and plenty.

Out Patients' Department. E.C.T. treatment given three days per week. Clean and tidy.

After lunch, accompanied by Miss Sharkey (Matron) :

7. We visited division 24. A number of patients were gone to the circus. This division has quite a number of working patients:—15 Occupational Therapy, 9 Laundry, 12 Workrooms, 15 cleaning (Divisions 2). Wireless was on. Patients were happy and comfortable. One epileptic in this ward, restless and noisy.

Passage between 24 division requires painting. We were told it is twenty years or more since it got a coat of paint.

24 Dining Hall was fairly clean. Patients were working.

We visited the circus. The patients enjoyed every moment.

On an interview with the Clerk of Works he informed us that the road making will be completed by end of August, also that the male house was a major job.

The Committee were satisfied that progress has been made. By the end of year work will be completed, as set out in the Clerk of Works' estimate.

We wish to thank Dr. O'Brien, Asst. Deputy Matron Miss Hughes and Matron Miss Sharkey for their kind co-operation during our visit.

W. J. COLMAN.

C. M. BYRNE.

C. K. KEEBLE.

JAMES ANDREWS.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL

25th August, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Deputy Matron Miss McCormack we inspected No. 22 Female Hospital, being visiting day. The Hospital, presented a most creditable appearance, passing through the various wards. There was not much to warrant our general attention.

2. We proceeded to the general female section. Dinner was being served in the main dining hall. The service and food were good. There were little complaints from the patients with whom we freely conversed. We also included in our inspection Nos. 17, 18, 19 Divisions. Here again cleanliness was the general order.

3. After lunch we visited the male section of the Hospital accompanied by the acting Head Male Nurse, Mr. Vero. Being visiting day we paid a special visit to the new visiting Hall which was well laid out. There was accommodation for visitors by the lay out of 59 tables. In all there were approximately 200 visitors. We took the opportunity of mingling amongst the visitors and chatting with them and the patients and in all cases they were high in their praise both for the attendants and staff for their courtesy and help. The amenities afforded by the Canteen were much availed of.

4. We proceeded to the Hospital, the T.B. Section No. 5 and No. 10. The general cleaning and painting has been just completed. Its appearance is now much brighter.

5. We visited No. 1 and No. 6 Dormitories and No. 9 Day room. During our inspection some minor defects were seen which Mr. Vero noted and will report to the Clerk of Works. In No. 9 Dayroom there are some very bad patches in the floor which need immediate attention.

6. We have to thank Nurse McCormack, Deputy Matron, and Acting Head Male Nurse Vero for their kind attention during our visit.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN, P. C.
J. CAHILL, P.C.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE MENTAL HOSPITAL

25th August 1954.

1. We visited Portrane on Wednesday 25th August. Dr. Hegarty immediately conducted us to the Dining Room where the male patients' dinner was being served. We found it to be ample and appetising.

2. We then went to the kitchen and inspected the dinner for the female patients. We were greatly impressed with the swiftness of the service, the heat of the food and plates and the quantity per patient.

3. After lunch we visited the fire station and we suggest that a spare battery be provided for the fire-truck. Could this truck be given more use?

4. We also visited the male therapy shop and other work-rooms.

5. Dr. Hegarty then left us. The Matron conducted us to the laundry and the female workrooms, where we met a patient who was a native of Trieste.

6. We drove down to No. 10 Female Division, and were very pleased with the general lay-out of this ward. The heating system, however, does not give sufficient water for baths and should be improved. A number of bushes in front of the ward should be removed and the lawn should be levelled.

7. A year ago a recommendation was made to have the couches and armchairs in the Nurses' sitting room covered. Why the delay?

8. We would like to thank Dr. Hegarty and other members of the staff for their kindness during our visit.

ANTHONY LALOR, T.C.

KATHLEEN NIX, T.C., P.C.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE
MENTAL HOSPITAL.

1st September, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Dr. Hegarty we visited the Dining Hall. The first dinner was being served. There were four divisions catered for, totalling 450 patients. We proceeded to the Kitchen to see the second dinner being prepared and again returned to the Dining Hall. The rapidity in which the Dining Hall was cleared reflects much credit to the staff. The second dinner was being served to three divisions consisting of 350 patients and as usual applications were received from patients for release or for transfer to St. Kevin's or Grangegorman. There was as usual an exchange of notes and letters which were handed to Dr. Hegarty for his observations. The majority were of a trivial nature. The food was well served, plentiful and good. There were no complaints.

2. During the course of our inspection we visited the Hospital, No. 10 Division, No. 2 Dormitory, and dayroom, also No. 4 Refractory Division. In all there was little to report.

3. We visited the workshops, the Therapy Department, the Tailor's shop, the shoemaker's shop, etc. We would like to suggest that in both the shoemakers and tailor's shops the floors could be much cleaner, also a little decorating and dusting of the walls would add much to their appearance. We would suggest the use of a floor washing machine and the fitting of a dust abstractor to the finishing machine in the shoemaker's shop.

4. Thanks to Dr. Hegarty for his help.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN, P.C.
R. KEANE.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

7th September, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Deputy Head Male Nurse Vero, we first visited the New Male Visiting Hall.

It is admirably laid out, with the central Canteen serving both sections and it is furnished with small tables at which patients can sit with their visitors in comfort and comparative privacy. Visitors can buy cakes, sweets and ices and also cups of tea at very moderate prices. The overhead heating installation is very noisy.

2. The Hospital section is clean and bright and the recent repainting made a great improvement. There were signs of dampness again on one of the inner walls, due, the Nurse thought, to a toilet overhead. It should be examined for possible leakage in the piping.

3. We spoke to a patient in a single room. He is suffering from T.B. but owing to his mental condition cannot be moved to the T.B. unit. The room seems too small and dark for such a case.

4. The theatre was being prepared for two operation cases, one from Portrane. It is used for treatment as well as for operations and a bigger theatre is required.

5. Dinner was being prepared in the kitchen. The main dish of roast beef had been sliced and was in heated containers. It looked of good quality. There were also chops, eggs and mince for patients on special diet and well cooked cabbage.

6. Much of the piping in the dining hall and kitchen needs dusting and repainting. The walls in the scullery are in a deplorably grimy condition. It is very lofty and the windows are too high and inadequate for the steamy atmosphere.

7. Very fine work is being done in the Therapy Department. We especially admired a small wardrobe and a woven hearth rug. A similar one recently completed was purchased to be sent to New York as a wedding present.

8. After luncheon we visited the female section, accompanied by the Matron, Miss Sharkey.

There seemed to be a particularly happy atmosphere in the Therapy Department where, as in the corresponding male department, excellent and artistic work is being done.

9. In the laundry the second presser recently installed permits a far better arrangement of the work.

10. We saw the workrooms where much of the mending for the institution is done, and the stores which issue uniforms and materials.

We wish to thank Mr. Vero and Miss Sharkey for their assistance.

M. C. ENNIS.

JOSEPH E. MASTERSON.

W. CHASE.

Order: Received late. Consideration deferred to next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 21st October, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman).

" James Andrews.

" C. M. Byrne.

" William Lawless.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman).
Mr. John Cahill.
Mr. William Chase.
Mr. T. O'Reilly.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

10th September, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 7th instant 3,795 patients, viz. :—

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegorman ...	884	1,251	2,135
In Portrane ...	857	803	1,660
Total	1,741	2,054	3,795

as compared with :—

7th September, 1953	1,713	2,052	3,765
7th September, 1952	1,648	1,998	3,646
7th September, 1951	1,604	1,952	3,556
7th September, 1950	1,602	1,953	3,555

this year's number being 30 more than on the corresponding date last year and 240 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Acting Chief R.M.S. and Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients or staff during the month.

3. Two male patients J.C. (6301) and G. O'M. (43381) escaped from the recreation grounds at Portrane after tea on 1st ultimo. Both were liberty patients. They were

apprehended by the Guards on 8th ultimo and taken back to Grangegorman. They were brought to Portrane the following day.

On 5th ultimo male patient L.D. (6858), a liberty patient, escaped from the recreation grounds at Portrane. He was apprehended by the Guards at Malahide the following day and brought back to the hospital by our staff.

On 17th ultimo male patient F.F. (5726) was given permission to go to Dublin unaccompanied for the day from Portrane. He rang up at 8 p.m. to say he had missed the train. He was instructed to return on the next train. He failed to return, however, and nothing has been heard of him since. He had been allowed parole on at least six previous occasions and always returned voluntarily.

4. On 26th ultimo male patients P.M. (5633) and J. K. (7447) were allowed out for exercise from No. 5 division at Grangegorman. They were missed shortly after and a search of the grounds failed to locate them. A phone call was received from the daughter of patient P.M. informing us of their whereabouts. Nurse Thomas O'Connor drove an escort of male nurses in his own car to the address mentioned and the two patients were recaptured and brought back within an hour. The Acting Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this escape. I have commended Nurse O'Connor for his prompt and effective assistance whereby both patients were returned to the hospital in little more than one hour from the time they were missed.

At about 6 p.m. on 5th instant male patient R.R. (7003) was carrying out some repairs on a motor cycle belonging to a male nurse. He suddenly jumped on the cycle, started the engine and rode off in the direction of the female grounds before the nurse in charge could stop him. The latter immed-

ately reported the incident but the patient succeeded in escaping. The Guards were notified but the patient has not yet been recaptured.

The Acting Chief R.M.S. interviewed the staff on duty on the date of the patient's escape. Since recapture from his previous escape in June, this man had given no trouble. He was quiet and was a willing worker and appeared to be interested and content when engaged in any work of electrical or mechanical nature. Immediately prior to his escape the patient was chatting with some members of the staff, including the Acting Head Male Nurse. He then seemed to be in normal spirits and had later his evening meal. There was nothing to indicate his contemplated escape.

Female patient E. O'F. (3298), a voluntary patient, did not return from a day pass on the 15th ultimo.

5. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS (Portrans): On 31/7/54 female patient C.H. (28078) slipped and fell whilst working in No. 7 female division, injuring her left ankle. When X-rayed she was discovered to have a fracture of the fibula and tibia. She was transferred to Grangegorman Mental Hospital for treatment. The Acting Branch R.M.S. assures me that there was no negligence on the part of the staff.

On 4th ultimo female patient M.M. (36998), a bed-ridden patient, was discovered by Dr. Harte to have a fracture of the upper third of the left femur. There was no history of a fall or injury, nor was there any mark on the patient to indicate that any external pressure had occurred. The Acting Branch R.M.S. investigated the matter and formed the opinion that the fracture was due to some pathological condition in the bone. This opinion was confirmed by the Surgeon who examined the patient after she had been X-rayed and transferred to Grangegorman. The patient is 73 years of age, was suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and was in a poor state of health.

On 15th ultimo female patient S. McE. (13192), a bed patient, was found to have a deformity of her leg. The patient was examined by a Medical Officer who diagnosed a fracture of the shaft of the femur. The patient is 93 years of age and has been bed-ridden for several years. There was no history of falling out of bed or injury or violence of any description. An X-ray examination revealed a pathological condition of the bone which could have given rise to a spontaneous fracture at any moment. The Acting Branch R.M.S. has investigated the case and assures me that there was no negligence on the part of the staff.

6. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF (Grangegorman). On 28th ultimo Nurse C. F. was travelling to the Curragh Car Races on his motor cycle with Nurse W. McD. on the pillion. A car in front of them pulled up suddenly and the foot pedal of the motor cycle struck the bumper of the car. Both nurses were thrown to the ground and received injuries to their knees and ankles. They were off duty for three days as a result.

Nurse C. K. was kicked in the abdomen by a patient on 20th ultimo. She was not off duty.

7. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF (Portrane). Nurse A. F. was off duty from 15th to 26th ultimo with an injury to his knee sustained while playing football.

Nurse A. O'N. was off duty from 20th to 26th ultimo with an injury to his right ankle sustained at football practice.

Temporary Attendant C. L. was off duty from 19th to 21st ultimo with a scalded face and right leg sustained when a patient knocked against her as she was pouring out soup.

Attendant M. H. was off duty for one day as a result of having her hair pulled by a patient.

A number of other minor injuries to members of the staff at Portrane were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

8. I have appointed Dr. P. J. Mullaney in succession to Dr. Dermot J. O'Kelly as temporary part-time Pathologist and Bacteriologist.

9. The Minister for Health has intimated that he does not consider that the tenders submitted to him in connection with the water supply services to the Female House, Grangegorman, can be regarded as valid and in the circumstances he suggested that the project should be re-advertised. The Architect has been notified accordingly.

10. On the 18th March last the Board approved of the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of a sum of £5,500 to defray the cost of Sundry Works and Equipment at Grangegorman, repayable in instalments over a period of ten years, with interest at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935. The deed of mortgage has been prepared by the Finance Solicitor and it will be submitted to the Board for approval and sealing at its meeting on 16th instant.

11. The Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Varming and Mulcahy, report that no further improvement can be effected to reduce the noise level of the heater installation in the Male Visiting Hall, Grangegorman. They are awaiting the delivery of a heater of different manufacture to ascertain whether quieter heaters are available.

12. The New Male Visiting Hall was opened on 22nd August and has been in use since. Patients and their relatives were very appreciative of the new surroundings and of the facilities offered by the Canteen.

13. The new Solarium in No. 10 female division at Portrane has been opened. Sixteen extra patients were transferred from Grangegorman. The total number of patients in this division is now 76.

14. With reference to the first paragraph of the Report of the Inspection Committee of 5th August, the Acting Branch R.M.S., Portrane, has fully investigated the matter. It is his opinion that the patient deliberately collected the fat meat and the worst looking potatoes for presentation to the Visiting Members. Such action on the part of the patient would be consistent with his mental state on that date. The Acting Branch R.M.S. interviewed him at approximately 1 p.m. and, although he made no complaint about the dinner, he was in an unreasonable, truculent, aggressive mood and had other complaints. He escaped from the Hospital that evening. It is the opinion of the Acting Branch R.M.S. that on that particular date the patient had an exacerbation of his manic-depressive state.

The Branch R.M.S. or his deputy are always available to give information to the Visiting Members concerning the mental state of the patients. It requires an experienced knowledge of psychiatry as well as a practical knowledge of mental patients to be able to assess the true value of a patient's complaint. It is well known that patients even sometimes inflict injuries on themselves for the purpose of providing evidence against somebody they dislike.

15. I have accepted the offer of the Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society for the portion of the wheat crop which is suitable for seed, at a premium of 2/6d. per barrel over the price for milling wheat. They will supply sacks free and will allow 9/- per ton for delivery to the drying clamp at Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin. Mr. E. Browne of Portmarnock has offered, on behalf of the Dock Milling Co., to purchase milling wheat. He will pay the statutory price plus 4/- per ton if collected ex farm or 16/- per ton if delivered to the mill, both offers being subject to a deduction of 1/- per barrel at the mill. The equivalent of 5d. per barrel will be allowed for hireage of sacks supplied by the Hospital.

16. The Minister for Health has intimated that the detailed schedule of accommodation for the proposed Nurses' Home at Portrane is considered reasonable, but has suggested that consideration should be given to the provision of shampoo fittings to one basin on each floor in the main lavatories.

17. The Sports Committee at Portrane have requested to be allowed the usual facilities to enable them to organise Sports at Portrane on Saturday, 25th September. I have granted their request.

18. Temporary arrangements have been made by the Storekeeper and Clerk of Works, Grangegorman, for providing alternative accommodation for Stores whilst the old Stores Building is being demolished. The distribution of the goods in various places will cause some inconvenience but it will save expenditure of £1,000 on the erection of a Temporary Store.

19. I regret to report the death on 28th July of Mr. Mark McParland, formerly Male Nurse, who retired in November 1919, and on 1st September of Mr. Thomas Ryan, formerly Male Nurse, who retired on 19th September, 1935.

JOHN P. KEANE.

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.*16th September, 1954.*

20. Since 16th ultimo 46 male and 62 female patients were admitted, total 108. One hundred and five of these were chargeable patients, of whom 48 were Temporary, 30 were Voluntary and 27 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted one voluntary private patient and two patients for special treatment from Ballinasloe and Clonmel Mental Hospitals under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

21. I have to-day accepted the following tenders:—

- (i) Livestock Foods Ltd., for 30 tons of cotton seed meal at £33 15s. 0d. per ton, being the lowest of four tenders received.
- (ii) Messrs. Lind for joinery work in the reconstruction of No. 4 division at Grangegorman, for the sum of £549 16s. 0d., being the lowest of six tenders received.
- (iii) Sir James W. Mackey Ltd., for 6,400 flower bulbs for the gardens in the sum of £88 5s. 0d., being the lowest of eight tenders received.

22. The Minister for Health has approved the Architect's diagrammatic plans for the New Admission and Treatment Unit at Grangegorman, subject to certain minor alterations. The Department has requested the submission of detailed proposals as to the construction and finishes, together with an estimate of cost and details of the civil engineering and mechanical services.

23. I am submitting a copy of a letter dated 17th August (Ref. X. 58/54) received by the City Manager from the Department of Health urging the need for economies in the administration of health services generally. A copy of this letter was sent to the Chairman on 26th August. I am going into the question with the Board's officers and I would welcome any suggestions from members of the Board which might help in reducing the over-all expenditure.

JOHN P. KEANE.

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Par. 10. Proposed by Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne "That our corporate seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £5,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 11. Consulting Engineers to be requested to expedite this matter.

Par. 14. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Richard Keane "That the report of the Acting Branch R.M.S. be approved and adopted."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 22. Refer to meeting of Special Building Committee to be held on 30th September, 1954.

Par. 23. Department's letter to be entered in the minutes of this meeting and considered at the next meeting of the Board. (See Appendix).

APPENDIX.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
CUSTOM HOUSE, DUBLIN.

X. 58/54.

17 Lunasa, 1954.

A CHAIR,

The Minister for Health has asked me to inform you that the Government has directed, in view of the necessity for finding substantial economies in public expenditure, that each public service should be examined immediately in order that costs may be reduced to a minimum.

The Minister appreciates that, at the present stage of the development of health services, it may be difficult to achieve an overall reduction in expenditure, but he feels that a critical examination of all proposals involving expenditure, and a periodical review of the organisation of existing services would effect significant savings. I am, accordingly, to request that you will review the services in the area of your health authority with a view to the elimination of any avoidable expenditure and that in the organisation of extended and additional services the need for economy will be given the fullest consideration.

The provision for the implementation of the Health Act, 1953, made in estimates for the current year by some health authorities was calculated to cover new services for a full year, and on a wider scale than those brought into operation on 1st instant. The Minister wishes it to be understood that savings corresponding to the reduction in the current year of the period of operation and of the scope of the new services must be expected, and that any money saved in this manner may not be regarded as available for increased spending under other headings. The revised demands on the Exchequer in respect of Health Services Grant are being calculated on this understanding.

I am to request that you will furnish not later than 11th September next observations which you may wish to offer on the question of economies in the cost of the health services generally with an indication of the steps which you propose to take and of the extent of the savings which may be anticipated in the expenditure of your health authority (a) as a consequence of those steps and (b) as a result of the temporary limitation and postponement of the operation of the new services. The Minister fully appreciates that health authorities are aware of the need for economy in the interests of the ratepayers, and his decision to direct the special attention of Managers to the matter at the present time is occasioned by the particularly urgent need for an early reduction to a minimum of the cost of all public services.

You will recollect that during the year 1953 a Joint Committee consisting of representatives of the County and City Managers Association and officers of this Department was set up for the purpose of examining proposals for securing economy in expenditure on the health services. It is intended that a meeting of that Committee should take place as soon as practicable for the purpose of examining the observations and proposals requested in the preceding paragraph.

Mise le Meas,

(Signed) P. O. CINNEIDE.

PATRICK J. HERNON, Esq.,

CITY MANAGER,

CITY HALL,

DUBLIN.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.



*Report No. 216.**23rd September, 1954.*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, the 23rd day of September, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:— Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, Eugene Timmons, William Lawless, Messrs. William Chase, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

23rd September, 1954.

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since my last report of the 26th ultimo, 19 Shorthorn and 12 Friesian T.B. free cows were purchased for a total of £2,171 13s. 0d. The average price was £78 0s. 3d. per Friesian and £65 0s. 6d. per Shorthorn. The Friesians purchased included one in-calf

heifer and two in-calf cows. The price of eleven milch cows which were not paid for at the date of last report was £616 0s. 0d. or £56 0s. 0d. per cow. There was a decrease in milk production in the early part of this month and for a few days there was a deficiency in the amount of milk supplied to the hospitals but production is now back to normal and the present daily supply is 288 gallons to Grangegorm and 253 gallons to Portrane. The present daily production of 559 gallons represents an average of 2.12 gallons per cow.

The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production of the cows:—

Over 5 gallons	...	1 cow
4-5 "	...	15 "
3-4 "	...	62 "
2-3 "	...	91 "
1-2 "	...	59 "
Under 1 gallon	...	36 "

2. *Purchase and Sale of Livestock.*—During the month of August the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold:

	Total Cost			Average per beast			Average per Cwt.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(a) 20 milch cows	1,187	0	0	59	7	0	—	—	—
5 bullocks ...	346	8	0	69	5	7	5	15	8
24 sheep ...	191	10	0	7	10	6	—	—	—
1 fat pig ...	18	7	6	—	—	—	—	—	—

(b) Twelve calves :—1 @ £9, 1 @ £8 10s., 2 @ £8, 1 @ £7 10s. 0d., 5 @ £7 and 2 @ £6 10s. 0d.; total £89 0s. 0d.,

Thirty four bonhams @ £6; total £204 0s. 0d.; eighteen bonhams transferred to Grangegorman @ £7; total £126 0s. 0d., one boar and one fat sow sold for £37 10s. 3d. nett.

3. *Mastitis*: Some outbreaks of acute mastitis have occurred on all farms but most of them are responding to treatment. Two more cases of summer mastitis occurred among the dry cows at Turvey. One of the cows affected has recovered but the other has lost a quarter.

4. *Grass*.—Grass has continued to make good growth during the past month and with the aftergrass from the hay ample supplies are available for the dairy herd. The heavy milking cows and first-calved heifers have been receiving supplementary feeding of concentrates. All the hay has been stored at Portrane, Ballymastone and Turvey.

5. *Crops*.—The main potato crop has now received its fourth and last spraying. The crop looks very promising and is very little affected by blight. A further seven acres of second early potatoes from the lawn field yielded 10 tons 11 cwt. per statute acre. The digging of the maincrop, Kerr's Pinks, has commenced at Turvey. The yield of this crop will be rather light as it was planted in low-lying ground in which flooding occurred soon after planting. The digging of the remainder of the second-crop at Turvey is being held over at present. This crop will be stored in shed as dug, for the present.

About eighteen acres of the winter wheat crop has been harvested to date. So far the yield and quality is not up to the standard of previous years. The spring wheat, the remainder of the winter wheat and the barley have been slow to ripen and will not be ready for harvesting for some time.

6. Santry Court.—The application of artificial manures to the pastures on this farm has had very beneficial results. With the increased growth of grass and the after grass which will be available from the hay there will be ample feeding for all stock. The present stock on this farm consists of 87 calves, 53 yearling heifers and 33 two-year old heifers.

About half of the hay crop has now been stored. The harvesting of the oat crop has now commenced. This crop has been badly affected by the recent storms. It will be dried and stored for livestock feeding.

7. Bulls.—The old Friesian bull, Nairn Rolibert, was sold for beef for £89 5s. 0d. nett. So far the young shorthorn bull has not been sold.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.
PORTRANE.

23rd September, 1954.

1. *Vegetable Fields*.—Work carried out in these fields during the past month consisted of grubbing 10 acres savoy cabbage, 7 acres broccoli, 3 acres summer cabbage, 2 acres brussel sprouts and 2 acres leeks, sowing $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres Autumn onions and planting 3 acres spring cabbage. The Spring onion crop (6 acres) is slow in ripening and about 25% of the crop has onion mildew and is running to seed. The backwardness and unhealthy condition of this crop may be attributed to the rather poor weather conditions we have had since early Spring. During the corresponding periods of 1952/53, I had 3 acres of onions harvested and the remaining 3 acres loosened in preparation for lifting.

Root crop (13 acres), parsnips, swede turnips and carrots are quite satisfactory.

Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.—Work carried out in this section consisted of sowing cabbage and lettuce seed, thinning turnips, picking fruit, peas and beans, earthing celery, propagating flowering plants and general indoor and outdoor work.

GRANGEGORMAN.

2. The following work was carried out in this department during the past month:—

- Hoeing and grubbing carrots and brussel sprouts.
- planting leeks and celery, thinning beet, turnips and carrots,
- picking peas and beans,
- renovating and surfacing new lawn with soil at Male
- Visiting Hall and general upkeep of recreation grounds.

SANTRY GARDENS.

3. Work carried out in these gardens consisted chiefly of weeding, sunfling walks and borders, picking fruit and care of tomato houses.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

7th September, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Mr. Hayes we proceeded to Turvey. The day was very bad with heavy showers. There were 92 acres under potatoes. They had just received their fourth spraying. They looked promising and with the help of a little fine weather, I am sure our harvesting will show good results.

2. The Silo pits have been completed and well stocked for winter feeding. In all there were approximately 1,200 tons of grass and it is expected it will give 1,000 tons of feeding. The hay was being ricked in the sheds and was of good quality. The cattle were all out. The sheds clean and in splendid condition, whitewashed, etc., ready for winter housing.

3. We proceeded to Ballymastone. Here again our crops to date show promise. The cabbage is of good standard and quality. There had been an attempt at threshing but the unfavourable weather hampered progress. The County Council were repairing the Road which will add much to the general appearance.

4. After lunch we visited the farmyard. It presented a very creditable appearance. The cattle were out as were some of our pigs. Preparations were in progress for winter housing, whitewashing was being carried out. Our machinery is in good working order to meet the requirements of our two wheat crops. All our young pigs and litters were healthy. There was little to comment upon. Our office improvement looks well and I am sure the staff feel much more contented and pleased with the added alterations.

5. We proceeded to the gardens. Here again our crops of fruit especially apples showed a healthy sign of meeting our general requirements. Here also the weather hampered progress.

6. On our way home we dropped into Santry Court. Our cattle looked quite healthy. All our wheat crops look promising.

7. We were indebted to Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their assistance especially in view of the very unpleasant day of continuous showers.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN, P.C.

J. ANDREWS.

T. LALOR.

K. KEEBLE.

Order : Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 28th October, 1954, date of next meeting of Agricultural Committee :—

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman),
" Miss M. C. Ennis,
" Gilbert Hughes,
Mr. T. O'Reilly.

EXAMINATION OF PORTRANE FARM COSTS FOR
YEAR 1952-53.

The Agricultural Manager's Report on Portrane Farm Costs for the year 1952-53 was examined and discussed at length. On the motion of Councillor James Andrews, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne, the report was adopted unanimously.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

EXAMINATION OF FARM COSTS YEAR 1952/3

1. A detailed costings examination of the Board's farms has been completed in respect of the year 1952/53. For purposes of comparison, production costs for the year 1951/52 are given in the Appendix. During the year under review farming policy recommended in previous reports was pursued and so far it has not been deemed necessary or advisable to depart from this policy generally.

2. The cost of artificial manures, feeding stuffs, livestock and labour are still at a high level and show increases over prices prevailing in 1951/52. Labour increased by 5/- per week from April 1952 and a further 5/- per week was paid in July 1953 retrospective to August 1952. As most of the production costs were compiled before the date of payment, this latter 5/- is not included in the summary of costs appended. Briefly this latter rise in wages amounts to approximately a further 15/- per acre in the production costs of potatoes and fodder beet, 5/- per acre in the costs of wheat and barley and approximately £250 or .3 pence per gallon in the cost of milk production. It should be noted that changes in wage rates affect not merely the costs of labour in attending directly to the dairy cows but also the cost of labour expended

in the production of homegrown foods, handling purchased foods, attending to young stock, etc. Despite the various increases it has been possible to show a reduction in the costs of some crops while other products show an increase for a variety of reasons.

3. CROP PRODUCTION.

(a) WHEAT.

As compared with 1951, wheat was a very profitable crop. Production costs are down by 10/- per acre and the profit per acre at £30 17 11 has been almost doubled. The acreage at 95 is 2.5 less and an average yield of 13.25 barrels per statute acre was obtained. This yield is 3 barrels over the preceding year and is the highest ever recorded on the farm.

(b) BARLEY.

33 statute acres of a feeding variety, Herta, were grown which is an increase of $7\frac{1}{2}$ statute acres over 1951. The average yield per acre was 12.82 barrels, as compared with 19 barrels in the preceding year. This yield was very disappointing and is attributed to the fact that 22 statute acres of the crop were grown on old ley which was in a poor state of fertility. Furthermore, this same area was comprised of six small fields separated by large ditches and bounded by the Turvey river which are included in the map measurement, so that there was a very high proportion of waste and unproductive ground within the area. Owing to the unattractive price offered for the crop at harvesting, it was decided to

retain the grain for feeding purposes or for sale at a later date if the price improved. There was a change of variety but I am satisfied that this had no bearing on the yields obtained as Ymer and Herta varieties are regarded as being similar.

(c) POTATOES.

The area under potatoes was extended further by 8 statute acres to 95. The average yield per statute acre worked out at 9.65 tons which is an increase of 1.1 tons over that obtained in 1951. The higher yield is principally due to the fact that the first and second earlies yielded far better than in 1951. The yield from the maincrop tends to be somewhat low and is due, in my opinion, to late sowing, loss in storage and to the system of applying farmyard manure to the crop. It has been established that the crop does not get as much benefit from an equal dressing of dung spread broadcast on ley before ploughing as when applied directly in drills on cultivated stubble ground. With the present acreage grown a large portion of the main crop has to be stored in pits during the winter and early spring which entails a considerable amount of loss and ultimately reflects on the average ware yield. The crop was planted by May 17th, eight days earlier than in the previous year but this is still too late and the last fields planted do not yield as well as the earlier ones.

The cost of production per acre is down by £5 10 0. The principal reductions per acre are approximately, labour £1 0 0, seeds £1 10 0, manures and residues £2 10 0 and miscellaneous 10/-. There is a reduction in manures because 25 acres of the crop were grown on artificials only, as there was a scarcity of farmyard manure.

(d) FODDER BEET.

An area of 14 acres of fodder beet was grown on the flat system, an increase of 6 over the previous year. The yield per acre was estimated at $8\frac{1}{2}$ tons of roots and 10 tons of tops. The bulk of the crop was fed to milch cows and a small portion of roots to calves. The cost of production per acre increased by £6 0 0 to £80 2 6. The cost of root equivalent is £5 10 5 per ton, an increase of £1 16 2. The increases are : labour £1 10 0, manures £1 0 0 and overheads £3 10 0.

The crop on the whole was very disappointing ; yield was low, labour absorption and cost of production was high for the following reasons. The crop was sown on ley which was manured and ploughed so late in the season that great difficulty was experienced in establishing a sufficiently fine tilth to allow sowing on the flat with the new sower. Sowing was followed by a dry spell which retarded germination and left thinning difficult. Shortly after singling, the crop was attacked by a fly and had to be sprayed and top-dressed with nitrate of soda at the rate of 2 cwt. per statute acre.

Although the cost per ton root equivalent is high for the reasons stated above, on a feeding value basis it is approximately the same as the minimum fixed price of barley to growers, i.e., £24 per ton. Furthermore, as a food for dairy cows, I consider fodder beet more beneficial than barley.

(e) SILAGE.

Due to peculiar weather conditions it was not found possible to make the maximum amount of silage. Early in the season grass made excellent growth and towards the end of June it became too strong for silage-making and was converted to hay.

A prolonged drought throughout the late summer left grass very scarce and the intention to convert some aftergrass to silage had to be abandoned. Therefore, only 600 tons of edible silage was made from 110 statute acres at a cost of £2 13 0 per ton which is an increase of 6/8 over the cost in 1951. This increase is mainly accounted for in the form of overheads due to the recent expenditure on pits at Portrane and Turvey. The expenditure on pits and equipment leaves a heavy capital charge annually against silage production, a fact which is clearly shown up in any year where production is not at a maximum.

As a departure from previous practices, the pits were sealed with clay, one immediately after filling and the other shortly afterwards and I found that wastage was reduced to a minimum especially in the case of the one that was sealed immediately. There was a wastage of about 3" in the other as compared with a wastage of 12" in the previous year when sealing was considered unnecessary.

(f) HAY.

Production of hay was considerably increased, the amount made being estimated at 360 tons from 224 acres. The increased acreage is due to the fact that a large acreage of grass which became too advanced for silage was utilised for hay-making. The cost of production per ton has decreased by 12/2 to £6 16 0. As only 48 acres of the total saved was made from aftergrass, a higher yield was obtained per acre so that there is a reduction in manures, seeds and overheads when expressed in terms of costs per ton.

(g) GRASS.

The acreage grazed has decreased by 9 to 441. The cost of production has increased by £1 2 2 to £10 19 7 per acre. The main increases are, manures 16/- overheads and rent 14/9d. and there are reductions in seeds and labour amounting to 8/7d. Grass made good growth in spring and early summer but it was very poor for the remainder of the season. In order to stimulate growth during the scarce period, liberal dressings of nitrogenous manures were applied but despite this it was necessary to supplement the supply by feeding hay to milch cows from the end of August. By the use of electric fences, strip grazing has been practised on all farms where practicable.

During the year under review it was found possible to produce figures showing milk production per acre from grass during the grazing season. In Ballymastone farm 41.8 acres (4 fields) were devoted to grazing by milch cows only and the average milk production from this area was calculated at 438 gallons per acre. Of the 41.8 acres, 19.9 were second year grass and the remainder old pasture. The production per acre from the second year grass was 523 gallons and from the old pasture 316 gallons. The average number of cows on grass for the period was 59 and the average daily milk yield per cow was approximately 2 gallons. This lot of cows was fairly representative ranging from heavy milkers to light or nearly dry. It was not possible to produce such figures at Portrane or Turvey on account of the varied category of livestock maintained on the fields and because a cut of hay or silage was taken from most fields.

4. MEAT SUPPLY.

(a) BULLOCK BEEF.

Although there was a loss of £521 11 8 on 105 fat bullocks and fat heifers slaughtered for beef during the year, or £4 19 3 per beast, the position is much better than in the previous year when the loss incurred amounted to £11 16 8 per beast. The average cost of 100 bullocks purchased in the Dublin Market during the year was £66 0 0, a figure which is £7 10 0 higher than the preceding year's average. An increase of 4½ pence per pound in the credit for beef helped to keep the loss at a lower level.

(b) MUTTON.

445 sheep slaughtered during the year resulted in a profit of £630 5 11 or £1 8 4 per sheep. During the previous year 411 sheep slaughtered resulted in a loss of 7/10d. per sheep. The average purchase price of sheep throughout the year was £9 8 0, an increase of £1 2 9 per head while the credit for mutton increased by 1½ pence per pound to 2/10d.

The profit on the sheep has more than offset the loss on bullock beef so that there is a net profit of £108 14 3 on the combined project for the year.

5. PIG PRODUCTION.

The profit on pigs has increased further by £167 16 0 to £3,156 13 7. As in the previous year fattening of pigs was kept at a minimum and towards the end of the year it was necessary to purchase 23 fat pigs for immediate slaughter

to supplement the bacon supply at Portrane. It was also necessary to purchase 15 bonhams to supplement our supply of stores to Grangegorman. The policy of producing the maximum number of bonhams was continued and very satisfactory prices were obtained for stores and bonhams sold throughout the year. The actual numbers sold and transferred to Grangegorman were 135 and 402, an increase of 56 and 33 respectively. The number of bonhams bred increased from 635 to 690.

The following is some data extracted from records made during the year with the 1951 figures given for comparison:

	1952/3	1951/2
Number of litters	71	67
Average size of litters at birth ...	10.07 bonhams.	9.43 bonhams.
Average size of litters at 21 days ...	9.40 bonhams.	8.76 bonhams.
Av. weight of bonhams at 21 days	11.67 lbs.	11.89 lbs.
Average number of brood sows in the herd	30.06	30.10
Average number of litters per sow per annum	2.3	2.2
Average number of bonhams born per sow	23.3	21.0
Average number of bonhams reared	22.0	19.5

This table reveals that breeding is very regular and that there is an improvement in the prolificacy of the breeding herd. The average weight of the litters at three weeks is slightly lower and new boars purchased did not bring about the expected improvement. In fact, one of these boars purchased at the Spring show proved a complete failure and had to be disposed of. It is intended to keep on purchasing boars until satisfactory sires are obtained.

The following table shows the boars in use during the year and the effect each had on the size and development of the litters produced:

Sire	No. of litters.	Size at birth.	Weight at 21 days.
Portrane Double-top ...	12	10.2	11.91 lbs.
Ballynakilly Dandelion ...	43	10.2	11.71 lbs.
Sleedagh Adam 36th ...	15	10.0	11.12 lbs.
Sleedagh Rory 3rd ...	1	2.0	15.00 lbs.

During the year eight farrowing cots were wired for the installation of infra red lamps. Three lamps were used during the cold spells to give artificial heating to litters immediately after farrowing. Because of the limited use, I am not yet in a position to assess the benefits of the system though it is obvious that sows and their young housed under the light appear very comfortable in their pens. So far it has not been found possible to introduce a system of creep feeding but it is intended to introduce the method gradually at a later date. Apart, therefore, from the limited use of artificial heating, suckling pigs receive no specialised treatment or feeding.

To facilitate recording a pig-weighing machine has been purchased and the litters can now be weighed at 8 weeks and the results will show progress made during the suckling period.

6. MILK PRODUCTION.

An analysis of the total costs of milk production is given hereunder together with an analysis in terms of pence per gallon with similar figures for 1951/52:

	Total Costs			1952/3. Cost per gallon	1951/2. Costs per gallon
Food	...	...	£11,927 17 3	15.28d.	14.76d.
Labour	...	...	6,445 19 7	8.26d.	8.21d.
Veterinary Expenses	...	...	842 1 2	1.07d.	.79d.
Herd Replacements	...	...	1,311 5 1	1.68d.	2.06d.
Miscellaneous	...	...	3,727 17 1	4.79d.	5.00d.
			£24,255 0 2	31.08d.	30.82d.

The overall cost of milk production has increased by £397 12 8 and although total production has increased by 1,595 gallons there is still an increase of .26 pence in the cost per gallon. Increases occurred under the headings of food, labour and veterinary expenses and there are reductions in herd replacements and miscellaneous items.

(a) Food.

The increase under this heading amounts to .52 pence per gallon. The total cost of purchased foods is reduced by £452 1 11, despite the fact that the cost of the main ingredients per ton increased as follows:—sugar pulp from £16 5 6 to £17 8 5 and protein meals from £28 16 0 to £31 0 0. The total quantity of meals consumed is down to the extent of 257 lbs. of starch equivalent per cow. This was brought about by a lengthening of the grazing season. It was possible to cut the winter feeding period and cows were out on spring grass by March 2nd 1953.

As indicated already, production costs of homegrown food was high which was due to poor returns from fodder beet and barley and the impaired production of grass and silage due to unfavourable weather conditions.

(b) LABOUR.

As the level of production has increased, the cost of labour has also increased.

A more equitable allocation of the wages of special workers together with the increased production has kept labour costs per gallon almost at the 1951/52 level despite an increase of 5/- per week in the general wage-rate. Only increased production can keep this item of cost static on account of the frequent increases being granted to the staff.

(c) VETERINARY EXPENSES.

These expenses have increased by £230 or .3 pence per gallon. Cost of collection from bulls for artificial insemination purposes amounted to £97 12 0. Veterinary expenses will always fluctuate as the general health of the herd demands. For example, a good proportion of this year's increase can be attributed to the treatment and control of severe attacks of mastitis during the late summer and early autumn.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS COSTS.

Miscellaneous expenditure is about £150 less than the corresponding figure in 1951/52. Of the total figure, £277 10 7 is in the nature of capital outlay including the extension of water to fields which is an annual work. Again increased production only, can keep this item of expenditure at present levels.

(e) HERD REPLACEMENT COSTS.

Despite the fact that these costs are down by £300 the position is not at all satisfactory. Cows purchased during

the year numbered 184 at an average cost of £58 2/6 and the number of home-bred heifers which entered the herd was as low as 45 at an estimated cost of £65 14 6 each. The corresponding replacements for 1951/52 were:—purchased cows 124 at an average of £53 10 0 and home-bred heifers 91 at £53 19 4. Purchased cows, as in former years, continue to milk unsatisfactorily and a large proportion has to be slaughtered off after a short period in the herd. The difference between purchase price and the average credit obtained for cows slaughtered is £11 2 6.

The cost of rearing dairy heifers has increased by £11 15 2. While this figure is higher than the cost of purchased cows for the same period, I do not consider it excessive as the home-bred animals are of better quality than purchased cattle, being younger and healthier and giving a higher average yield, factors which justify the policy of rearing our own replacements.

The table set out hereunder shows the first year average yield of purchased cows and home-bred heifers during the past few years and the number of each category slaughtered:

Purchased Cows.

	Number	Average yield	Number slaughtered	Average yield of cows slaughtered.
1948	148	424	114	—
1949	144	432	92	341
1951	124	449	63	308
1952	184	397	113	292

Homebred Heifers.

	Number	Average yield	Number slaughtered	Average yield of heifers slaughtered.
1949	63	492	—	—
1951	91	342	38	185
1952	45	475	17	304

The number of cows purchased and their average yield are the most disappointing in recent years, 32 friesians and crosses were among the numbers purchased and these gave an average yield of 558 gallons. Even some of these were disappointing and 28% of them had to be disposed of after the first lactation. However, it must be said in favour of the purchased cows for this year that 20% of them were victims of an attack of mastitis or reacted to the comparative T.B. test and had to be slaughtered before they had completed lactations.

As regards the home-bred heifers 10 of the 45, i.e., 22% were really bad milkers and were disposed of shortly after calving. The average yield of the balance was 578 gallons. Since all but 3 of these were the progeny of the Albert Short-horn bulls which have (with one exception) been proved unsatisfactory, I consider the percentage discarded not too high and the average yield of the balance satisfactory. 3 of the heifers were sired by a friesian bull, Ballymote William, and their average yield was 698 gallons. From now onwards, the number of friesians among the home-bred replacements will increase steadily and if they yield as expected they should serve to raise the general standard of the herd and curtail the purchase of market cows.

To my mind, hereditary milking factors are not sufficient to make a heifer a good milker and I am convinced that careful handling and feeding are also necessary as a heifer calving at 2½ years and not fully developed must be given sufficient nutrition to allow body-building and development in addition to producing 3 or more gallons of milk daily. I am satisfied that unless such care and attention is given

prior to calving and during the first lactation, there will be such a drain on the reserves of the body that the animal will prove a near failure after the second calving. To support this theory, I give the case of a group of 35 reasonably good heifers which calved in 1951 and averaged 530 gallons. These were retained in the herd and when they calved a second time the same group only averaged 486 gallons or 44 less. In further support, I have taken 9 heifers from this group which averaged 661 gallons and dropped to an average of 462 in the second lactation. It appears that the deterioration could be more marked in the case of the heavy milkers.

At present, as far as practicable, it has been seen to that young heifers are carefully fed and handled and there is a steaming up period of six weeks prior to calving. It is now the practice to have heifers calving at the age of 2½ years as I have found that this is the optimum calving age for shorthorns, at least.

7. GENERAL.

It can be seen from the accounts costed that all farm enterprises with the exception of milk production have shown increased profits and they are as follows:

Potato crop from	£1,307 0 1	to	£3,869 11 2
Wheat crop from	£1,514 15 9	to	£2,935 0 6
Pig production from	£2,988 17 7	to	£3,156 13 7
Wheat supply from	£1,108 3 3 loss	to	£108 14 3 profit

Milk production shows a loss of £838 13 11 as against a loss of £640 10 0 in the previous year, the increase in loss being £198 3 11 or 26 pence per gallon. Milk continues to be credited at 2/6 per gallon, i.e., 1.08 pence less than the cost of production and as anticipated in my last annual report

costs have further increased. Regardless of production costs here, taking into consideration the quality of our product and the conditions under which it is produced, I am still satisfied that a credit of 2/6 per gallon is insufficient and that it should be at least 2/8, i.e., the wholesale price of pasteurised milk in Dublin. Had a credit of 2/8 been allowed milk production would on present costs show a profit of £722 7 10, rather than a loss of £838 13 11.

JAMES HAYES,
Agricultural Manager.

5th April, 1954.

APPENDIX

COST RATES USED IN CALCULATING PRODUCTION

COSTS YEAR 1952/3.

(a) HORSE LABOUR COSTS.

	£	s.	d.
Cost of repairs and depreciation of harness ...	85	17	6
Cost of shoeing and miscellaneous items ...	116	7	0
Hay consumed (10 tons) ...	70	0	0
Oats consumed (190 barrels) ...	381	13	4
Grating (5 acres) ...	50	0	0
Veterinary attendance ...	4	5	6
Repairs to stables ...	4	16	2
Labour ...	57	6	5
Depreciation of horses ...	15	0	0
	£785	5	11

Average number of horses maintained ...	13.7
Average number of horses engaged in farmwork ...	6.7
Average number of horses engaged in dairy work ...	2.0
Total number of hours worked by farm horses ...	12,821
Average number of hours worked per horse ...	1,914
Average cost per horse ...	£57 6 5
Average cost per horse hour ...	7.2d.

(b) TRACTOR COSTS.

			£	s.	d.
T.V.O. (3,400 gallons) ...	...	...	273	18	10
Petrol (350 gallons) ...	...	...	55	8	4
Diesel Oil (5,003 gallons) ...	...	...	318	8	1
Lubricants ...	...	...	100	7	0
Tyres and tubes ...	...	...	133	6	5
Tax and insurance ...	...	...	89	7	8
Minor repairs by farm staff ...	...	...	28	18	11
Spare parts and replacements ...	...	...	336	17	2
Maintenance by Engineer's staff ...	...	...	263	17	8
Depreciation 15% ...	...	...	508	10	0
			£2,108	18	1
Less credit for old Fordson tractor ...	...	...	100	0	0
			£2,008	18	1
Total number of tractor hours worked ...	...	...	14,373		
Average cost per tractor hour ...	...	...		2	9½

(c) WAGES COSTS.

			£	s.	d.
Wages of Tillage Foreman, extra allowances to under foremen and ploughmen ...	...	...	609	16	4
Annual, sick and compassionate leave, harvest bonus, Church Holidays, etc. ...	...	...	938	3	8
Wet Time ...	...	...	19	10	2
			1,567	10	2

distributed at the rate of 4d. per hour worked at farm work.

Adult wage rate ...	£4 15 0 per week.
Tractor driver's rate ...	£5 5 0 per week.
Juvenile rate from £2 8 6 to £4 10 0 per week.	

(d) CAPITAL CHARGES.

As there was a difference in the figures used under this heading previously and the figures used by the Accountant it has been decided to take the latter's figures which were

£2,350 0 0 for the year under review in respect of lands and buildings at Portrane, Ballymastone and Turvey, to which has been added half rates at Santry Court making a total of £2,550 4 0. Of this £983 15 0 has been allocated to buildings as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Dairy ...	£740	0	0
Young stock ...	80	0	0
Pigs ...	80	0	0
Overheads ...	83	15	0
	£983	15	0

The balance has been distributed over 890 acres at the rate of £1 14 2 per acre.

The arable acreage on all farms has been revised and due to recent reclamation work a further 30 acres have been brought into production.

(e) WORK DONE BY ENGINEER'S STAFF.

Repairs and maintenance costs were analysed during the year as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Overhead charges ...	305	7	3
Milk production ...	468	17	11
Young stock ...	36	19	10
Pig production ...	105	15	4
Stables ...	4	16	2
Tractors ...	263	17	8
Trailers ...	44	10	3
Carts ...	64	13	9
Ploughs and Cultivators ...	10	5	10
Mowers and Rakes ...	51	10	9
Silage Machinery ...	31	14	8
Potato Machinery ...	32	17	5
Slaughterhouse ...	10	8	10
	£1,431	15	8

Water, fuel and light supplied:—

Water	£163	4	2			Charged against milk production	£215	8	8
Fuel	£359	1	1	80%					
				40%					
Electricity	£288	8	9	65%		pig production	£143	12	5
				35%		milk production	£187	0	9
						pig production	£100	19	0
Steam	£8	0	0						
Diesel Oil	£198	4	4			tractor running costs.			

New Buildings and Special Works.

	£	s.	d.
(1) Extension of internal telephone system to farm office and renewal of line to Ballymastone (£138 19s. 10d.) 10% charged against overhead costs ...	13	17	11
(2) Concreting roadway to paddock at Bull pen (£18 15s. 11d.) charged in full against overhead costs ...	18	15	11
(3) Concreting area at long shed (£50 3s. 11d.) charged in full against milk production ...	50	3	11
(4) Concreting area at entrance to silo (£35 0s. 9d.) charged in full against silage production ...	35	0	9
(5) Concreting area at potato silo (£19 8s. 2d.) charged in full against pig production ...	19	8	2
(6) Extension of water supply to fields at Turvey (208 ls. 4d.) covered by an annual charge against milk production ...	180	0	0
(7) Replacement of concrete gate piers (£34 15s. 10d.) charged in full against overhead costs ...	34	15	10
(8) Refitting double gate at Turvey (£6 17s. 6d.) charged in full against overhead costs ...	6	17	6
(9) Supplying and fitting roof to shed at Turvey (£1,256 15s. 4d.) no charge for 1952/53 as no appreciable use was made of shed during the year ...			
(10) Purchase of cow bales for long shed (£140 8s. 10d.) no charge for 1952/53 as the bales were not fitted until 1953/54 ...			
(11) Conversion of part of back shed to a piggery (£29 2s. 3d.) charged in full against pig production ...	29	2	3
(12) Building cover for patients conveyance van (£94 19s. 0d.) 10% charged against milk production ...	9	9	11
(13) Installation of infra red lamps in piggery (£28 0s. 6d.) charged in full against pig production ...	28	0	6
Total charge 1952/53 ...	£425	12	8

The following amounts are carried forward from previous years :—

			£	s.	d.
1949/50	...	...	94	4	3
1950/51	...	...	221	6	8
1951/52	...	...	104	5	5

being the annual distribution of charges in respect of works of a capital nature giving a total of £845 9 0 which is distributed to the following cost accounts :—

		£	s.	d.
Overhead costs	...	325	13	6
Milk production	...	274	10	7
Pig production	...	99	19	10
Silage production	...	145	5	1
		<u>£845</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

(f) RECLAMATION WORK.

	£	s.	d.
Labour in laying drains, general field reclamation, mole-draining and sub-soiling ...	...	...	329 8 4
Hire of mechanical drain cutter ...	...	...	28 17 6
Stones and pipes used ...	...	...	308 18 10
Miscellaneous parts for equipment ...	...	...	31 14 11
Depreciation of equipment and carts ...	...	...	30 12 0
			<u>£738 11 7</u>

10% of reclamation work is charged per annum against overhead costs.

	Total Cost	Annual Charge
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1952/53 ...	738 11 7	73 17 3
1951/52 ...	1,216 11 2	121 13 1
1950/51 ...	545 5 0	54 10 6
1949/50 ...	267 17 8	26 15 7

Total proportionate charge 1952/53 ... £276 16 5

(g) OVERHEAD COSTS.

	£	s.	d.
Capital charges on buildings ...	83	15	0
Maintenance by Engineer's Department ...	305	7	3
New buildings and special works ...	325	13	6
Reclamation ...	276	16	5
Miscellaneous work by farm staff ...	535	15	8
Purchase of miscellaneous items ...	233	18	5
Depreciation of equipment ...	52	14	5
Salary of Agricultural Manager (part) ...	417	0	0
Salaries of Clerical Assistants ...	700	6	4
Wages of Steward and relief at Santry (part) ...	77	1	7
Telephone charges ...	60	0	0
Advertising and sundry licences ...	36	10	6
Car allowance of Agricultural Manager ...	145	8	11
	<u>£3,250</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

Distributed over 890 acres = £3 13s. 1d. per acre.

(h) FARMYARD MANURE.

	£	s.	d.
Labour in carting and handling straw ...	77	0	6
Labour in carting and handling dung ...	628	7	1
Straw purchased (82 tons 8 cwt. 3 qrs.) ...	356	4	0
Straw produced from 95 acres of wheat ...	570	0	0
Straw produced from 33 acres of barley ...	132	0	0
Depreciation of carts and trailers ...	38	0	0
	<u>£1,801</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>
Deduct for straw in hands ...	34	0	0
	<u>£1,767</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

Estimated production 2,000 tons.

Cost per ton 17s. 8d.

PRODUCTION COSTS.

1. WHEAT.

Acreage 95.

Cost per acre :—		£	s.	d.
Working Operations :—				
Manual labour	...	8	6	2
Tractor labour	...	1	7	6
Horse labour	...	0	3	8
Work done during winter 1951/52	...	1	12	9
Depreciation and repairs :—				
Ploughs and cultivators	...	0	10	0
Drills, binders, mill, baler twine, etc.	...	2	9	6
Trailers	...	0	3	2
Seeds and dressings	...	3	14	1
Artificial manures	...	0	13	8
Manurial residues	...	2	18	11
Overheads	...	3	13	1
Rent	...	1	14	2
Total cost per acre ...	...	27	6	8
Total cost of wheat produced	...	2,596	13	4
Yield per acre	...	13.25	barrels	
Cash return for wheat sold to millers	...	3,842	1	4
Cash return for wheat sold as seed	...	783	12	6
Value of wheat retained for seed	...	338	0	0
Allowance for straw produced	...	570	0	0
Average return per acre	...	£5,531	13	10
Average profit per acre	...	58	4	7
Total cost per acre at new basic rate £5 0s. 0d.	...	30	17	11
per week	...	27	11	8

Analysis of Costs per acre.

	1952/3			1951/2		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Working Operations	11	10	1	10	13	2
Seeds and dressings	3	14	1	4	15	1
Manures and residues	3	12	7	5	5	6
Overheads, etc.	6	15	9	5	16	9
Rent	1	14	2	1	6	0
	£27	6	8	£27	16	6

Analysis of Labour and power used.

Hours per acre :	1952/3	1951/2
Man	81	72.4
Tractor	15.3	19.8
Horse	6.7	4.8
Yield per acre	13.25 brls.	10.25 brls.
Acreage	95	97.5

2. POTATOES.

Acreage 95.

Cost per acre :—

	£	s.	d.
Working Operations :—			
Manual labour	33	0	3
Horse labour	1	5	7
Tractor labour	4	4	8
Work done during winter 1951/52	4	1	6
Seed	12	4	8
Dung less residues	7	16	3
Artificial less residues	5	7	5
Spraying materials	2	1	9
Fusarex	0	11	5
Depreciation and repairs :			
Trailers and carts	0	11	11
Ploughs and cultivators	0	10	0
Other potato equipment	2	13	8
Overheads	3	13	1
Rent	1	14	2
	£79	16	4
Total cost of production including cost of delivery to Grangegorman	£7,692	13	7
Credit for potatoes delivered to hospitals 31/3/53	£8,328	4	9
Value of potatoes retained for seed	670	0	0
Value for potatoes fed to pigs	900	0	0
Credit for potatoes delivered to hospitals after 31/3/53 less handling costs	1,333	15	2
Total credits	£11,231	19	11
Average return per acre	£118	2	6
Average profit per acre	38	6	2
Cost per acre at new basic rate £5 0s. 0d. per week	80	11	4

Analysis of Costs per acre.

	1952/3	1951/2
Working Operations ...	42 12 0	43 14 10
Seeds ...	12 4 8	13 15 1
Manures and residues ...	13 3 8	15 12 2
Overheads and sundries ...	10 1 10	10 17 11
Rent ...	1 14 2	1 6 0
	£79 16 4	£85 6 0

Analysis of Labour and Power used.

	1952/3	1951/2
Hours per acre :		
Man ...	344.6	347.4
Tractor ...	35.8	32.5
Horse ...	47.0	57.1
Yield per acre ...	9.65 tons	8.55 tons
Acreage ...	95	87

3. BARLEY.

Acreage 33.

Cost per acre —

Working Operations:	£	s.	d.
Manual Labour ...	7	6	0
Horse ...	0	4	4
Tractor ...	2	3	7
Depreciation and repairs:			
Ploughs and cultivators ...	0	10	0
Corn drills, binders, mill, baler, twine, etc. ...	2	9	6
Trailers ...	0	3	2
Seeds ...	4	4	10
Artificial Manures ...	1	12	2
Manurial residues ...	2	14	5
Overhead Expenses ...	3	13	1
Rent ...	1	14	2
Total Cost per acre	£26	15	3

3. BARLEY—continued.

Acreage 33.

Cost per acre:

Total cost of production	...	£883 3 3
Average yield per acre	...	12.82 barrels
Commercial value of produce	...	£1,057 10 0
Allowance for straw	...	132 0 0
		£1,189 10 0
Average return per acre	...	36 0 11
Average profit per acre	...	9 5 8
Average production cost per ton	...	20 1 9
Total cost per acre at new basic rate, £5 per week	...	27 0 3

Analysis of Costs per acre.

	1952/3	1951/2
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Working operations	9 13 11	12 7 6
Seeds	4 4 10	3 11 9
Manures and residues	4 6 7	3 12 5
Overheads and sundries	0 15 9	5 16 9
Rent	1 14 2	1 6 0
	£26 15 3	£26 14 5

Analysis of Labour and Power used.

Hours per acre:	1952/3	1951/2
Man	81.9	83.7
Tractor	15.0	21.1
House	7.2	5.7
Yield per acre	12.82 brls.	19 brls.
Acreage	33	25.5

4. FODDER BEET.

Acreage 14.

Cost per acre:—

Working operations:				£	s.	d.
Mannual labour	...	...	...	45	2	9
Horse	...	...	...	0	10	3
Tractor	...	...	...	5	12	1
Depreciation and repairs:						
Ploughs and cultivators	...	...	...	0	10	0
Special machinery	...	...	...	0	17	8
Trailers and carts	...	...	...	0	11	11
Seed and fly control dressings	...	...	...	2	13	3
Farmyard manure less residuals	...	...	...	10	12	0
Artificial, less residuals	...	...	...	8	5	4
Overheads	...	...	...	3	13	1
Rent	...	...	...	1	14	2
Total costs per acre				£80	2	6
Total costs per acre at new basic rate				80	17	6

Analysis of Cost per acre.

	1952/3			1951/2		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Working operations	51	5	1	49	15	4
Manures and residues	18	17	4	17	14	1½
Overheads, etc.	8	5	11	5	7	4
Rent	1	14	2	1	6	0
	£80	2	6	£74	2	9½

Analysis of Labour and Power used.

Hours per acre:		1952/3	1951/2
Man	...	474.4	449.7
Tractor	...	40.0	30.8
Horse	...	17.0	60.9
Yield per acre (root equivalent)			
	...	14.5 tons	20 tons
Acreage	...	14	8
Cost per ton (root equivalent)		£5 10 5	£3 14 2

5. SILAGE.

Acreage 110.

Total Cost :—

Working operations :				£	s.	d.
Manual labour	...	...	...	460	2	7
Tractor	...	...	...	107	1	3
Horse	...	...	...	24	2	5
Depreciation and repairs :				£	s.	d.
Trailers	...	...	...	20	0	0
Loaders	...	...	...	87	5	8
Mowers and rakes	...	...	...	40	12	5
Molasses	...	...	...	191	5	0
Erection of pits	...	...	...	145	5	1
Manures	...	...	...	174	9	8
Grass seeds	...	...	...	45	9	9
Overheads	...	...	...	200	19	7
Rent	...	...	...	93	19	2
				£1,590	12	7

Estimated production ... 600 tons.

Average cost of production per ton £2 13 0

Analysis of Costs per ton.

		1952/3		1951/2	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Working operations	...	0	19 8½	0	19 2
Overheads	...	0	16 5½	0	11 3
Molasses	...	0	6 4½	0	8 7
Seeds	...	0	1 6	0	1 10
Rent	...	0	3 1½	0	1 10
Manures	...	0	5 10	0	3 8
		£2	13 0	£2	6 4

Analysis of Labour and Power used.

Hours per ton		1952/3	1951/2
Man	...	6.2	6.3
Tractor	...	1.27	1.4
Horse	...	1.36	0.9

6. HAY.

Acreage 224.

Total Cost :—

			£	s.	d.
Working operations:					
Manual labour	...	...	1,054	16	4
Tractor	"	...	157	2	9
Horse	"	...	52	4	7
Depreciation and repairs:					
Hay carts and sundry	...	...	42	0	7
Mowers and rakes	...	...	81	4	10
Trailers	...	...	20	0	0
Manures	...	...	348	19	3
Grass seeds	...	...	90	19	6
Overheads	...	...	409	5	4
Rent	...	...	191	6	8
			£2,448 5 10		

Estimated production ... 360 tons.

Average cost of production per ton £6 16 0

Analysis of Costs per ton.

		1952/3	1951/2
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Working operations	...	3 10 2½	3 2 1
Manures	...	0 19 5	1 1 3
Seeds	...	0 5 0½	0 10 8
Overheads	...	1 10 8½	2 3 9
Rent	...	0 10 7½	0 16 5
		£6 16 0	£7 8 2

Analysis of Labour and Power used.

Hours per ton:	1952/3	1951/2
Man	24.85	22.85
Tractor	3.13	2.99
Horse	4.83	7.26

7. GRAZING.

Acreage (estimated) 441.

Total Costs :—

	£	s.	d.
Working operations :			
Manual	616	14	4
Tractor	66	5	0
Horse	39	10	0
Manures, less residuals	1,395	17	1
Seeds	136	9	3
Fencing materials	173	11	5
Depreciation and repairs	48	16	0
Overheads	1,611	9	9
Rent	753	7	6
	<u>£4,842</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

Estimated cost per acre ... £10 19 7

Analysis of Costs per acre.

	1952/3	1951/2
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Working Operations	1 12 9	1 18 8
Manures	3 3 4	2 7 4
Seeds	0 6 2	0 8 10
Overheads	4 3 2	3 16 7
Rent	1 14 2	1 6 0
	<u>£10 19 7</u>	<u>£9 17 5</u>

8. MEAT SUPPLY.

	£	s.	d.
Slaughtering Expenses :			
Depreciation of equipment and cartridges	7	5	0
Repairs to slaughterhouse	27	8	4
Wages of butcher and relief	578	11	2
Labour in assisting at slaughtering and bandling meat	118	1	3
	<u>£731</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

8. MEAT SUPPLY—continued.

Total cost of slaughtering is allocated as follows in proportion to the amount of meat obtained from each category.

	£	s.	d.
Bullocks ...	220	11	10
Sheep ...	114	16	8
Cows ...	359	12	0
Pigs ...	24	3	6
Young Stock ...	12	1	0
	<u>£731</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

BULLOCKS.

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
2 bullocks in hands, 1/4/52	132	0	0	By credit for beef supplied to hospital	6,433	10	10
103 bullocks purchased	6,750	13	0	.. Sale of offals	266	8	1
.. Slaughtering expenses	220	11	10	.. Balance being loss on 105 bullocks slaughtered	521	11	8
.. Hay consumed	6	16	0				
.. Grazing	32	18	0				
.. Concentrates fed	13	0	0				
.. Delivery of bullocks	29	11	0				
.. Market Expenses	45	0	0				
	<u>£7,221</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£7,221</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

Average loss per beast ... £4 19 3

" " 1951/2 ... £11 16 8

SHEEP.

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
2 sheep in hands, 1/4/52	27	0	0	By 6 sheep in hands, 31/3/53	69	0	0
445 sheep purchased	3,701	10	6	.. credit for mutton supplied to hospital	4,192	6	8
.. Market Expenses	35	0	0	.. Sale of wools and offal	391	4	5
.. Slaughtering expenses	114	16	8				
.. Delivery of sheep	28	19	11				
.. Grazing 5 acres	64	17	11				
.. Profit on 445 sheep slaughtered	630	5	11				
	<u>£4,592</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£4,592</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

Average profit per sheep slaughtered ... £1 8 4

Average loss per sheep slaughtered, 1951/2 ... £0 7 10

9. REARING OF DAIRY HEIFERS.

Total Cost :—

	£	s.	d.
Fodder Beet, 20 tons	110	8	4
Hay, 90 tons	615	0	0
Silage, 110 tons	291	10	0
Mixed meals	1,092	14	0
Whole milk (10,665½ gallons)	1,333	3	9
Grazing	988	2	6
Labour in handling and mixing meals	50	0	0
Wages of farmyard foreman and herds (part)	141	1	0
Salary of Agricultural Manager (part)	80	0	0
Wages of Steward, Santry Court (part)	192	13	11
Other labour	141	3	6
Veterinary expenses	133	7	0
Capital Charges on buildings	80	0	0
Repairs and depreciation	43	8	11
Slaughtering expenses	12	1	9
Value of 105 calves entering young stock herd	525	0	0
	£25,829	14	8
Valuation as at 1/4/52	4,027	0	0
	£10,456	14	8
Valuation as at 31/3/53	£7,310	10	0
Credit for 4 heifers slaughtered	188	11	10
	£7,499	1	10
Difference, being cost of rearing 45 heifers transferred to the dairy herd	£2,957	12	10
Average cost per heifer	£65	14	6
1951/2	53	19	4

10. PIG HERD.

Total Cost :—

	£	s.	d.
Valuation as at 1/4/52	2,245	0	0
Mixed meals	328	8	5
Whole milk (1,014½ gallons)	126	16	3
Potatoes	900	0	0
Cost of ensiling	65	3	2
Steam used in cooking potatoes	9	0	0
Wages of herd, reliefs and foreman	453	7	4
Other labour	46	1	6
Labour in mixing and handling meals	13	0	0
Nightman's wages (part)	200	0	0
Whitewashing piggeries	47	3	8
Salary of Agricultural Manager (part)	100	0	0
Market expenses	10	0	0
Capital charges on buildings	80	0	0
Repairs and maintenance	105	15	4
Capital Works	99	19	10
Depreciation and replacements	48	9	10
Slaughtering expenses	24	3	6
Grass paddock	43	18	4
Pigs purchased	640	11	0
Veterinary expenses	21	5	3
Fuel	143	12	5
Light	100	19	0
Total Expenses	£5,850	14	10

Total Credits :

Valuation as at 31/3/53	£2,761	10	0
Value of pigs sold	2,006	0	6
Credit for pigs supplied to Grangegorman	3,277	0	0
Credit for pigs slaughtered for Portrane	962	17	11
	£9,007	8	5
Difference being profit for the year on pig production	£3,156	13	7

11. MILK PRODUCTION.

(a) Food A/c.

Total concentrates fed to all livestock:

	T.	C.	QSS.		£	s.	d.
Sugar pulp ...	176	7	0	value	3,071	15	5
Barley ...	18	6	0		341	8	3
Cottonseed meal ...	29	10	0		1,087	10	0
Grass meal ...	12	5	0		384	10	0
Meat and bone meal	17	14	0		464	19	0
Bran and pollard ...	4	12	0		115	0	0
Dairy meal ...	1	1	0		29	2	9
Maize meal ...	0	8	0		13	4	0
Soya bean meal ...	0	7	0		15	15	0
Linseed meal ...	1	0	0		38	10	0
Biscuit meal ...	4	0	0		100	0	0
	265	10	0		£5,661	14	5

	T.	C.	QSS.		£	s.	d.
Fed to young stock	50	0	0		1,092	14	0
Fed to bullocks ...	0	10	0		13	0	0
Fed to pigs ...	12	17	0		326	8	5
	62	7	0		£1,432	2	5
Balance fed to dairy cows	202	3	0		4,229	12	0

Hay:	T.	C.	QSS.		£	s.	d.
Fed to all livestock	360	0	0	value	2,460	9	2
Fed to horses ...	10	0	0		70	0	0
Fed to young stock	90	0	0		615	0	0
Fed to bullocks ...	1	0	0		6	16	0
	101	0	0		691	16	0
Bal. fed to dairy cows	259	0	0		£1,768	13	2

Silage:	T.	C.	QSS.		£	s.	d.
Total consumed ...	580	0	0	value	1,537	12	7
Fed to young stock	110	0	0		291	10	0
Bal. fed to dairy cows	470	0	0		£1,246	2	7

MILK PRODUCTION—continued.

(a) Food A/c.—continued.

Fodder Beet :	T.	C.	QRS.	£	s.	d.
Total consumed ...	203	0	0	1,121	15	0
Fed to young stock	20	0	0	116	8	4
	183	0	0	£1,011	6	8
Grazing :						
Acreage ...	441			value	£4,842	0 4
Allocated to bullocks	3				32	18 9
" to sheep	5				54	17 11
" to horses	5				50	0 0
" to young stock	90				988	2 6
" to pigs	4				43	18 4
	107				£1,169	17 6
Balance to dairy cows	334				3,672	2 10

(b) Labour A/c.

	£	s.	d.
Wages of regular dairy staff ...	5,481	18	8
Other Labour ...	526	8	7
Cost of mixing and handling meals ...	202	0	0
Wages of steward, Sentry Court ...	115	12	4
Salary of Agricultural Manager (part) ...	120	0	0
	£6,445	19	7

(c) Veterinary Expenses.

	£	s.	d.
Young stock ...	133	7	0
Pigs ...	21	5	3
Horses ...	4	5	6
Dairy Cows ...	842	1	2
Total for all livestock ...	£1,000	18	11

MILK PRODUCTION—continued.

(d) *Herd Replacement Costs.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Valuation of herd at 1/4/52	15,132	0	0	By 220 cows slaughtered	9,954	1	3
" Cows and springing heifers purchased	10,695	0	0	" Sale of offals	379	9	1
" Homebred heifers entering herd	2,557	12	10	" 105 calves to dairy heifers	523	0	0
" Slaughtering expenses	359	12	0	" 29 calves slaughtered	152	15	0
" Market expenses	48	19	7	" 109 calves sold	595	0	0
				" 2 bulls sold	162	9	0
				" Valuation at 31/3/53	16,112	10	0
				" Balance being cost of herd replacement	1,311	5	1
	£29,193	0	5		£29,193	0	5

(e) *Maintenance, Repairs, etc., by Engineer's Dept.*

	£	s.	d.
Ordinary maintenance	468	17	11
Water supplied	163	4	2
Fuel supplied	215	8	8
Light and power supplied	187	9	9
New buildings and special works	274	10	7
	£1,309	11	1

(f) *Miscellaneous Costs.*

	£	s.	d.
Capital Charges on buildings	740	0	0
Light and Power from E.S.B.	178	16	4
Depreciation of milking machine	160	0	0
Equivalent of 2 horses used	104	12	10
Insurance	76	0	0
Subscription to C.T.A. and sundry fees	72	15	2
Depreciation of carts and trailers	28	0	0
Depreciation of dairy equipment	69	15	0
Supply, repairs and maintenance of sundry items	323	16	6
Depreciation of Artificial Insemination equipment	29	2	4
Medicines from pharmacy	60	0	0
Travelling expenses and extra allowance to farmyard Foreman re Artificial Insemination duties	79	1	2
Delivery of milk to Grangegormah	496	0	8
	£2,418	6	0

SUMMARY OF MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, 1952/3.

	Total Amounts. £ s. d.	Cost per gallon (pence).	Percentage of total cost.
Mixed meals ...	4,229 12 0	5.40	17.37
Hay ...	1,768 13 2	2.27	7.31
Silage ...	1,246 2 7	1.60	5.15
Fodder beet ...	1,011 6 8	1.30	4.19
Grass ...	3,672 2 10	4.71	15.15
Labour ...	6,445 19 7	8.26	26.57
Veterinary Expenses	842 1 2	1.07	3.45
Herd replacements	1,311 5 1	1.68	5.40
Maintenance ...	1,309 11 1	1.68	5.40
Miscellaneous ...	2,418 6 0	3.11	10.01
Total ...	£24,255 0 2	31.08	100.00
Total at new rate	£24,505 0 2	31.38	—

SUMMARY OF MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, 1951/52.

	Total Amounts. £ s. d.	Cost per gallon (pence).	Percentage of total cost.
Mixed meals ...	4,681 13 11	6.05	19.63
Hay ...	905 4 9	1.17	3.79
Silage ...	1,870 13 1	2.42	7.84
Fodder beet ...	593 2 4	0.77	2.49
Grass ...	3,364 15 8	4.35	14.10
Labour ...	6,352 4 6	8.21	26.63
Veterinary Expenses	612 1 2	0.78	2.56
Herd replacements	1,604 12 2	2.06	6.73
Maintenance ...	1,351 12 8	1.74	5.68
Miscellaneous ...	2,521 7 3	3.26	10.57
Total ...	£23,857 7 6	30.82	100.00

TOTAL CREDITS FOR MILK PRODUCED, 1952/3.

			£	s.	d.
Issued to Stores ...	...	175,650½ gallons	21,956	6	3
Fed to calves ...	...	10,665½ "	1,333	3	9
Fed to pigs ...	...	1,014½ "	126	16	3
		187,330½ "	23,416	6	3

Loss on milk production £838 13 11
represents a loss of 1.08d. per gallon.

	1952/3	1951/2
Average number of cows in the herd ...	338	323
" yield per cow in the herd ...	557 gallons	575 gallons
" daily production ...	513 "	509 "

ANALYSIS OF FOOD CONSUMED.

Consumption per cow in the herd.				Starch equivalent lbs.	
	T.	C.	QRS. LBS.	1952-3	1951/2
Hay ...	0	15	1 8	474	237
Roots ...	0	5	3 12	182	167
Tops ...	0	8	1 4		
Silage ...	1	7	3 7	327	564
Mixed meals ...	0	11	3 24	842	1,090
				1,825	2,067
Grass (acres) .99				2,475	2,640

(Assuming 2,500 lbs. S.E. per acre).

CONSUMPTION PER 100 GALLONS OF MILK PRODUCED.

	Starch Equivalent.	lbs.
	1952/3	1951/2
Hay ...	83.3	39.8
Roots and tops ...	32.7	28.8
Silage ...	58.7	98.3
Mixed meals ...	151.2	191.1
	325.9	358.0

COST OF FOOD USED IN MILK PRODUCTION.

	Cost per ton	S.E. Value	Cost per 100 lbs.	Yield per acre
	£ s. d.		S.E. s. d.	S.E. lbs.
Hay, home produced ...	6 16 0	27	22 6	972
Silage do. ...	2 13 9	10.5	22 6	1,894
Fodder beet ...	5 10 5	15	32 9	4,872
Barley (average) ...	18 13 1	70	23 9	2,010
Sugar pulp ...	17 8 5	60	25 11	—
Other foods ...	31 0 0	70	39 6	—
Grass (per acre) ...	10 19 7	12	8 10	—

LABOUR.

	1952/3	1951/2
Man hours per cow ...	137.6	151.1
Man hours per 100 gallons ...	24.8	26.3

12. ANNUAL CHECK ON EACH CATEGORY OF LIVESTOCK.

(a) *Dairy Cows.*

Opening Stock	...	314	Died	...	...	6
Purchased cows	...	176	Slaughtered	...	...	220
Purchased heifers	...	8	Closing stock	...	...	317
Homebred heifers	...	45				
		543				543

(b) *Young Stock.*

Opening stock	...	191	Sold	...	...	109
Bred	...	246	Slaughtered	...	...	33
			Died	...	...	3
			To dairy cows	...	...	45
			Closing stock	...	...	247
		437				437

(c) *Pigs.*

Opening stock	...	222	Died	...	...	38
Bred	...	690	Sold	...	...	167
Purchased	...	41	To Grangegorman	...	...	402
			Slaughtered	...	...	47
			Closing stock	...	...	299
		953				953

(d) *Horses.*

Opening stock	...	13	Closing stock	...	...	14
Purchased	...	1				
		14				14

(e) *Bullocks.*

Opening stock	...	2	Slaughtered	...	105
Purchased	...	103	Closing stock	...	Nil
		105			105

(f) *Sheep.*

Opening stock	...	3	Slaughtered	...	445
Purchased	...	448	Closing stock	...	6
		451			451

(g) *Bulls.*

Opening stock	...	6	Sold	...	2
		6	Closing stock	...	4
					6

SUMMARY OF THE WORKING OF THE FARM.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Loss on milk production	838	13	11	Profit on meal supplies	108	14	3
Other work costed:				Profit on potato production	3,869	11	2
Barley crop, '53/4	25	0	6	Profit on wheat production	2,925	0	6
Fodder beet crop, '53/4	37	11	1	Profit on pig production	3,156	13	2
Liming of land	97	11	8				
Potato crop '51/2	303	15	0				
" " '53/4	250	14	7				
Wheat crop, '53/4	317	10	11				
Delivery of vegetables	304	12	0				
Uncharged portion of re- clamation	461	15	2				
Uncharged portion of Capital Works	1,216	0	2				
Uncharged portion of new machinery purchased	1,208	15	6				
Uncharged portion of rates, Santry Court	300	6	0				
	14,981	19	3				
					210,000	10	6

FALCONER, DUBLIN.

Report No. 217.

30th September, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Special Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 30th day of September, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present :—Councillors, James Andrews, Miss M. C. Ennis, Denis Larkin, T.D., William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, Sean Taggart, Messrs. John Cahill, John J. Jones, T. P. O'Reilly, John Smithers and Mrs. C. Keeble.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

1. Since the meetings of the Building Committee held in January last, there has been further progress in preparing and executing the various schemes for providing additional

accommodation at Grangegorman and Portrane. The present position of these schemes and other proposed building works is set out below.

2. Two New Units at Portrane. The building work on these Units is proceeding satisfactorily. The roofing of the Male Block is completed and the plastering is in progress. The walling of the Female Block is completed and the building is two-thirds roofed. The value of the work executed to date is £45,000.

3. Reconstruction of Temporary Buildings, Grangegorman. The structural work in the first half of this scheme is virtually completed. Internal plastering is in hands and the mechanical and electrical installations are in progress. The value of the work executed to date is approximately £14,000.

4. Portrane House. As already reported to the Board, the building contractors for the two new units agreed to demolish Portrane House and pay a sum of £100 to the Board in consideration of their being allowed to remove all the materials arising from the demolition.

5. New Staff Houses at Portrane. The construction of six additional staff houses by direct labour is nearing completion. The value of the work executed to date is approximately £8,800.

6. New Treatment Unit at Grangegorman. The Board's Architect has prepared a diagrammatic plan for this Unit which has been approved by the Minister for Health, subject to certain minor alterations. The proposed building comprises

four 25-bed sub-units similar in construction to the two new units at Portrane and there is a two-storey treatment block which includes an operating theatre and examination and treatment rooms. The Architect's plans are submitted.

7. New Children's Division at Portrane. Since my last report to the Special Building Committee, the Minister for Health has approved a scheme prepared by Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, for a boiler and heating plant and water services for the proposed Children's Division and No. 10 Division and for the electrical installation in the Children's Division only, the total cost of which is estimated to be £4,120.

The Minister had already approved plans for the building work, which is estimated to cost £9,000 approximately and the Architect has now recommended that preparatory work be put in hands immediately, with the labour available from the staff houses at Red Square. I recommend adoption of the Architect's proposal that the reconstruction of the Children's Unit be carried out by direct labour. The installation of the mechanical and electrical services will, of course, be put out to contract.

8. New Female Visiting Hall at Grangegorman. Progress on the planning of this scheme has not been up to expectations. In February last the Department of Health suggested that a Consulting Structural Engineer should be engaged to prepare drawings and details for the reinforced concrete and structural steel work. These drawings were submitted to the Department of Health on 7th August last and their approval is awaited. In anticipation of approval to these drawings, preparation of the Bill of Quantities is proceeding.

9. New Stores Building at Grangegorman. Working drawings and draft specification for this building were approved by the Minister for Health in June last and final documents required for the invitation of tenders are now ready for submission to the Department. The Architect estimates that the new building will cost £17,000, to which may be added £1,685 for pointing the stonework and painting the windows and gutters in the remaining old buildings enclosing the Stores yard and £1,000 for re-paving the yard.

10. Residence for Portrane Medical Superintendent. The Architect has completed draft working drawings for this new house and it is hoped to invite tenders shortly.

11. New Female Nurses' Home at Portrane. On 30th August last the Department of Health advised me of the Minister's approval to the detailed schedule of accommodation in the new Home and the Architect was instructed to prepare sketch plans. The accommodation includes bedrooms for 70 nurses and a Lecture Room.

JOHN P. KEANE,
Manager.

30th September, 1954.

Orders made thereon :—

Pars. 1 and 2. Noted.

Par. 3. Noted. Manager to examine question of reconstructing the second block of wooden buildings containing No. 2 division.

Pars. 4 and 5. Noted.

Par. 6. Architect's diagrammatic sketch plan No. GMH/AH/453.4 approved but it is recommended that the Minister for Health be asked to agree to the inclusion of an X-ray department in this building.

Par. 7. Manager's recommendation adopted. Architect's working drawings examined and approved.

Pars. 8 and 9. Noted.

Par. 10. Referred back to Architect for consideration of the suitability of the Portrane House site for the new Medical Superintendent's residence.

Par. 11. Noted. Architect's diagrammatic sketch plan approved.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

1. The first of these is the fact that the number of cases of the disease has increased in the last few years.
2. The second is the fact that the disease is now found in many parts of the country where it was formerly rare.
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Report No. 218.

21st October, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 21st day of October, 1954, Councillor William J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman), in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, T. J. Murray, P.C., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., E. Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Joseph E. Masterson, R. Lawless, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors R. C. Keane and Mrs. L. O'Shea-Leamy.

The minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 215, 16th September, 1954) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 15th September to 20th October, 1954, as under, was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register, 15th September, 1954	1763	2082	3845
Admitted to 20th October, 1954	74	52	126
	1837	2134	3971

Males Females Total

Discharged to			
20th Oct., 1954	42	41	83
Died to do.	12	10	28
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
	54	57	111

Remaining on Hospital Register, 20th October, 1954	1783	2077	3860
Absent on trial and escape, 20th October, 1954	20	22	42
Number actually resident on 21st October, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book	1763	2055	3818

DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital	906	1260	2166
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Board Meeting

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21st October, 1954

Number of Patients in Portrane
Mental Hospital

857 795 1652

Total number resident as above ... 1763 2055 3818

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2,892
County of Dublin	...	...	515
County Wicklow	...	...	345
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	44
Non-district patients	...	...	22

TOTAL ... 3,818

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. Lawless proposed and Mr. J. Smithers seconded the adoption of Report No. 216 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 23rd September, 1954. Passed unanimously.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Cahill proposed and Councillor Mrs. K. Nix seconded the adoption of Report No. 217 of the meeting of the Special Building Committee held on the 30th September, 1954. Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

29th September, 1954

1. Accompanied by Dr. Eithne O'Sullivan, we visited No. 5 Male Hospital. Lunch was being served, which consisted

of chicken, fried eggs and a plentiful supply of potatoes and fresh vegetables. We visited also No. 10 Hospital. There was little to report.

2. We enquired into the complaint received by Councillor P. Cowan on the 15th September about injuries sustained by male patient H. C. (7465). We examined the reports which had been submitted by the officers concerned in the course of an inquiry carried out by Dr. E. O'Brien, Acting Chief R.M.S., earlier in the month.

On the 26th August the patient jumped through a window in No. 1 Division Dayroom and sustained a cut to the left leg, which required two stitches, and scratches on the right leg and right hand, which were dressed. He was immediately followed by two male nurses who brought him back to the Division. On the 1st September he broke a pane of glass in No. 6 Dayroom and sustained slight scratches to his hand, which was dressed.

With regard to the complaint made by the patient's father that he had a lump over his left eye caused by one of the attendants banging his head on the wall, we find from the reports that the patient's father first complained about this lump on the 5th September. The patient was examined by one of the medical staff on that date and no lump or bruise was apparent.

We interviewed the patient specially to-day and we asked him about the lump on his forehead. The patient informed us that he had received a bump on his head when playing football, by running into one of the goal-posts. We questioned him at some length on this statement and about the injuries which he sustained on the 26th August and the

1st September. We formed the opinion that none of the statements made by the patient could be relied upon and we are satisfied that there is no foundation for the complaint that he was injured by any member of the staff.

3. After lunch we inspected the meat in the Stores and found it well up to standard. The cleanliness of the stores was all that could be desired.

4. Being visiting day, the main Visiting Hall was well filled. The patients and visitors with whom we conversed were high in their praise for the facilities afforded them.

5. We did a tour of the Plumbers', Electricians' and Fitters' Workshops. We noted that our general staff of workers were having lunch in those shops. The facilities afforded are not in keeping with general requirements as there is no way of cooking, no seating, and the benches have to be used as tables. The shops in general require a general cleaning to walls, windows, etc. We feel that some form of canteen should be provided, or the use of a mess room.

W. J. COLMAN.

JAMES ANDREWS.

W. LAWLESS.

C. M. BYRNE.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION PORTRANE.

21st September, 1954.

1. At the request of the Board, accompanied by our Chief Engineer, Mr. Chalmers, we enquired into the delay in proceeding with the work of reconstruction at the Gate Lodge. After reviewing the various plans and costings, we concluded that the delay has in no way been the fault of

the Engineering Staff. While on the site, the proposed alterations were discussed with the Ranger and his wife. We consider that, in future, any plans in connection with alterations or reconstruction of the houses of the staff, when approved by the Board and the Manager, should not be altered, as repeated alterations of such plans are causing unnecessary trouble and delay.

2. We visited the Dining Hall, where dinner was being served to the female patients; also No. 6 Female Hospital. While there we had the pleasure of greeting a patient who had just celebrated her hundredth birthday. She entered the Institution on the 13th April, 1903, and we must say that it reflects great credit on our staff after fifty-one years of care.

3. After lunch we visited Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 female divisions. There was little to report.

4. Before leaving, a visit was paid to the temporary wooden building where most of the patients are of the working type. They were having their evening meal, which consisted of an ample supply of porridge, bread and butter and tea. All the patients seemed quite happy.

5. Afterwards Mr. John Cabill attended the cinema performance, which consisted of two shorts and one depicting the training of the American Motorised Police. The programme was fair. The sound has definitely improved but the lighting was bad at times. This was probably due to the film and not to the projector. We suggest that an up-to-

date film should be obtained, as we would then be in a better position to judge the quality of sound and light.

(Signed) W. J. COLMAN.

J. CAHILL.

W. CHASE.

T. O'REILLY.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 1. See Manager's report of this date.

Par. 2, 3 and 4. Noted.

Par. 5. Refer to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 18th November, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

" Anthony Lalor.

Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" William Lawless.

" Eugene Timmons.

Mr. J. Masterson.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

15th October, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 12th instant 3,800 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
	1749	2051	3800

as compared with:—

12th October, 1953	...	1708	2058	3766
12th October, 1952	...	1647	2000	3647
12th October, 1951	...	1613	1951	3564
12th October, 1950	...	1600	1968	3568

this year's number being 34 more than on the corresponding date last year and 232 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

3. Male patient M.G. (6331) died suddenly on the 9th September and female patient M. V. B. (7374) died suddenly on the 3rd instant. The Coroner was notified on both occasions and post-mortems were carried out on his instructions. He did not deem an inquest necessary and certified that death was due to natural causes in both cases.

Female patient M. M. (36998), aged 73 years, who had been transferred from Portrane suffering from a fracture of the left femur, died on the 25th September. The Coroner was notified and did not deem an inquest necessary.

Female patient S. McE. (13192), aged 93 years, who had been transferred from Portrane suffering from a fracture of the right tibia, died on the 25th September. The Coroner was notified and did not deem an inquest necessary.

The last two cases have already been referred to in Paragraph 5 of my report to the last meeting of the Board.

4. Male patient M. C. (7425), a liberty patient at Grangegorman, was allowed to go to the football pavilion on the 12th September and did not return to his division. The usual steps were taken to recapture him but without result.

On the 3rd October female patient H. F. (7622) left Grangegorman with her husband, who had been visiting her. Nurses were sent to her home but the husband refused to allow her to return, and the Chief R.M.S. did not consider it advisable to use force in bringing her back to the Hospital. He wrote to the patient's husband on the 5th October advising him to bring his wife back to complete her treatment or to apply formally to have her discharged to his care.

5. On the 30th August male patient J. O'C. (732), who was allowed liberty in the grounds at Portrane after tea, failed to return at bedtime. The usual steps to recapture him were taken and he was found walking on the public road near Donabate the following morning at 6.30 a.m. by two nurses who brought him back to the Hospital.

At 4.45 a.m. on the 31st August male patient J. J. C. (49015) escaped from Portrane by smashing a window in the dormitory of No. 2 division. Immediate steps were taken to recapture him and he was found in the institution grounds about 2.15 the same day. He had a wound on the buttock about 2½ inches long which necessitated four stitches, apparently caused by broken glass. The Acting

Branch R.M.S. has investigated this accident and he is satisfied that there was no negligence on the part of the staff.

On the 19th September two liberty patients at Portrane, G. O'M. (43381) and J. H. (4406), left their divisions after tea and did not return. The first-named was recaptured by the Guards at Dean's Grange on the 29th September but the second has not yet been recaptured.

6. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).*—Male patient G. F. E. (2739) was kicked on the right leg by another patient in No. 6 division dormitory on the 19th September. An X-ray report showed fracture of posterior margin of tibia without displacement. The Chief R.M.S. has enquired into this incident and assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection therewith.

Following an application of E.C.T. during Insulin Coma, male patient S. K. (7208) sustained a complication of a crush fracture of the 4th, 5th and 6th dorsal vertebrae. The Chief R.M.S. informs me that fracture complications are not uncommon where E.C.T. is given without the modern modification. As a combination with insulin treatment, this modification cannot be given, but the risk of complication is out-weighed by the necessity for the treatment.

7. *Accidents to Patients (Portrane).*—On the 21st September it was reported that male patient T. K. (40854) had been struck on the left jaw by another patient, P. C. (79). On the following morning it was noticed that the first-named patient's jaw was slightly swollen. An X-ray

examination was made which indicated a fracture of the jaw. On further examination of the patient and of the X-ray plates, a Visiting Surgeon at Grangegorman expressed the opinion that the deformity of the jaw was due to mal-union of an old fracture and that there was no recent fracture, in fact there was no injury to the jaw and the only evidence of injury was a slight discoloration of the skin below the left eye.

On the 22nd October, before his transfer to Grangegorman, the patient stated to the Acting Branch R.M.S. that he had been struck on the jaw by a Male Nurse, knocked to the ground and kicked. The Acting Branch R.M.S. has interviewed all the officers concerned and is satisfied that there was not the slightest foundation for this accusation. He reports that the patient is partially demented and very deluded, with marked delusions of persecution. I have discussed the incident with the Acting Branch R.M.S. and I agree with his conclusions.

On the 6th September, when being taken back to his division after X-ray examination, male patient J. E. (1671) impulsively put his arm through a window in the corridor and inflicted severe wounds to his left hand which necessitated his transfer to Grangegorman for treatment. The Acting Branch R.M.S. is satisfied that this was a sudden impulsive act consistent with the patient's mental state and that there was no negligence on the part of the patient's escort.

When bathing patients on the 2nd September the Charge Nurse of No. 1 Division noticed a discoloration on the right arm of female patient E. P. (38297). The patient stated

that she slipped and fell in the toilet on the 31st August but did not report the accident to anybody. The patient was X-rayed and found to have a fracture of the external condyle of the right elbow. The Acting Branch R.M.S. has interviewed all the nurses who had the care of this patient immediately following the accident—they all state that the patient did not complain of any pain and they did not notice anything wrong. He does not feel that there was any negligence on the part of the staff, in view of the patient's mental state and the slight evidence of pain or disability when she was examined on the 2nd September.

8. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman).—Nurse J. N. was off duty from the 8th to the 24th September with an injury to her right side caused by a fall on the steps of the Nurses' Home.

Nurse S. C. was off duty from the 10th to the 22nd September with a sprained left ankle sustained when she slipped on the stairs of No. 17 division.

Attendant K. D. was off duty from the 12th to the 19th September with a scalded right hand sustained when she lifted a lid of a boiler in No. 24 division kitchen.

A number of other minor accidents to nurses were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

9. Accidents to Staff (Portrane).—P. H., farm labourer, sustained a fractured leg while playing football on the 29th August. He has been incapacitated since that date.

T. F., milker, injured his back when he slipped on the floor of the slaughterhouse at Portrane on the 2nd September and he was off duty for a day and a half.

J. M., Assistant Herd, injured his left hand in a fall on the 22nd September and was off duty for part of the day.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

10. With reference to the Inspection at Grangegorman carried out by Councillor Miss M. C. Ennis and Messrs. Joseph Masterson and W. Chase on the 7th September last, I have to report:—

Item (ii) The dampness referred to was due to a leak in the toilet overhead. It has been repaired.

Item (vi) The painting of the pipes in the Dining Hall will be attended to during the redecoration of the hall. Steam extraction units are on order for the scullery.

11. Work on the reconstruction of No. 4 division temporary buildings at Grangegorman is proceeding satisfactorily. Part of the roof asphaltting has been completed. Sashes and door frames are fixed, and the internal plastering is well in hands. The contracts for the heating and electrical installations are well advanced. The total expenditure on this scheme to the end of September was £16,075.

12. Application has been made for Ministerial approval to instalments of loans and grants for the following works which are in progress:—

SIX STAFF HOUSES AT PORTRANE.

Expenditure to date	...	...	£8,057
Instalment of loan applied for	...	...	£8,000

TWO STAFF HOUSES AT PORTRANE.

Expenditure to date	...	£4,502
Instalment of loan applied for	...	£4,200

RECONSTRUCTION OF No. 4 DIVISION, GRANGEGORMAN.

Expenditure to date	...	£16,975
Instalment of grant applied for	...	£7,300

NOTE: An instalment of £7,500 has already been received out of the grant for this scheme.

TWO NEW UNITS AT PORTRANE.

Expenditure to date	...	£23,364
Instalment of grant applied for	...	£20,000

NOTE: An instalment of £3,500 has already been received out of the grant for this scheme.

13. In accordance with Article 9 (1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1946, I am submitting the Abstract of the Board's Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1954. The Accountant has prepared also tables showing the Revenue and Expenditure for that year, the Grangegorman and Portrane Farm and Garden Accounts and the Canteen Profit and Loss Account. These tables are printed in Report No. 214, which is being circulated with Agenda for the Board Meeting on the 21st instant.

14. The following are particulars of tenders for General Supplies accepted for the six months ending 31st March, 1955:—

Corresponding
Price
September, 1953.

FRANK QUINN & CO., LTD.

Prime Beef ...	£9 18s. 4d. cwt. d/d G'orman	£9 13s. 8d. cwt.
Prime Wether Mutton ...	£10 0s. 8d. "	£11 1s. 8d. "
Sheep Liver ...	2s. 10d. lb.	2s. 10d. lb.
Mutton Cutlets ...	3s. 0d. lb.	3s. 0d. lb.

WILLIAM P. LUCAS, LTD.

Creamery Butter ...	*£19 15s. 6d. cwt. d/d G'man.	£22 5s. d. cwt.*
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JOHN CLARKE & SONS, LTD.

Creamery Butter ...	*£19 16s. 6d. cwt. d/d P'rane	£22 6s. 2d. cwt.*
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* Less 5s. each for butter boxes returned.

CARTON BROS., LTD.

Selected Hen Eggs	£1 15s. 6d. per 120 d/d G'man	£2 1s. 3d. per 120
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WILLIAM MURPHY (GORVAGH), LTD.

Selected Hen Eggs	£1 18s. 4d. per 120 d/d P'rane	£2 1s. 8d. per 120
	for period 1/10/54 to 31/12/54.	
	£1 11s. 3d. per 120 d/d P'rane	
	for period 1/1/55 to 31/3/55.	

M. & P. HANLON, LTD.

	d/d G'orman.	d/d P'rane.	
Fillets of cod, hake or ling.	2s. 2d. per lb.	2s. 2d. per lb.	2s. 6d. lb.
Fillets of haddock	1s. 3d. "	1s. 3d. "	2s. 6d. "
Whiting ...	0s. 9½d. "	0s. 10d. "	1s. 0d. " 1s. 0½d.
Kippers ...	0s. 11½d. "	1s. 0d. "	—
Chickens ...	3s. 6d. "	3s. 8d. "	3s. 10d. "

G. MADDEN, Finglas.

Pork Sausages ...	2s. 1d. per lb. d/d G'orman	—
	2s. 2d. " d/d Portrane	—

HILL AND SONS, LTD.

Woolen Yarns ...	7s. 3d. per lb.	{ d/d G'man or } 7s. 3d. lb.
Finishing Tweed ...	11d. per yd.	{ Arniens St. } 1s. 0d. yd.
		Station.

D. H. HASKINS & SONS, LTD.

Flake Oatmeal ...	£57 10s. per ton d/d G'orman	£61 0s. ton.
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Corresponding
Price
September, 1953.

DROGHEDA OATMEAL MILLING CO.
Flake Oatmeal ... £57 10s. per ton d/d P'rane £61 0s. ton.

MCGRATH BROS., LTD.

Sugar ... £22 19s. per cwt. d/d G'gorman
and Portrane.

BLANCHARDSTOWN MILLS, LTD.

Rice ... £3 17s. per cwt. } d/d G'gorman
Tapioca ... £3 5s. " } and Amiens
Pearl Barley ... £2 10s. " } St. Stu.

ALEX FINDLATER & CO., LTD.

Bread Soda ... 17s. 0d. per cwt. ... }
Mustard ... 31s. 6d. per 9 lbs. ... }
Baking Powder ... 3s. 2d. per lb. tin ... } d/d G'gorman
Custard Powder ... 73s. 0d. per cwt. ... } and Portrane.
Malt Vinegar ... 4s. 6d. per gal. ... }
Browning ... 27s. 10d. per doz. qt. bottles }

IRISH DIRECT TRADING CO.

Lemonade, Soda Water, Etc.—

Large size ... 5s. 3d. per doz. bottles ... }
Medium size ... 3s. 0d. " " ... } d/d G'gorman
Small size ... 2s. 3d. " " ... } and Portrane.
Siphons ... 12s. 0d. " " ... }

15. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. McHenry Bros. Ltd. for the supply to Grangegorman during the five months ending 31st March, 1955, of turf briquettes at 89/- per ton delivered and semi-briquettes at 66/6d. per ton delivered, being the lower of two tenders received in response to public advertisement. I have also accepted the tender of Messrs. P. Donnelly & Sons, Ltd., for 45 tons of Castlecomer anthracite at £8 15s. 10d. per ton, being the lowest tender received for this fuel.

16. I have received from Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, a report on the tenders received for repairs to the No. 2 steam boiler at Portrane which I have referred to the

Department of Health for consideration. The cost of repairing this boiler will be about £1,250 and a sum of over £1,000 has already been expended on repairs to the No. 3 boiler. In view of the considerable expense involved in the repair of the No. 2 and the remaining boilers, I have asked the Department of Health to arrange for a conference with their engineering advisers at an early date with a view to determining finally the policy to be adopted for the maintenance of the steam supply to Portrane.

17. The following tenders have been obtained for the painting of the six new staff houses at Portrane:—

Tender No. 1	...	£328 10s. 0d.
" " 2	...	£350
" " 3	...	£420
" " 4	...	£528

On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer at Portrane, I have accepted the lowest tender, that of Messrs. Spray Painters Ltd.

18. Amongst the reserve stock of medicines and drugs bought in 1951, there is a considerable quantity of "Prostigmin," which is moving very slowly. The demand for this drug in the Board's Hospitals has fallen off very considerably and efforts to dispose of it to other Local Authorities have been unsuccessful. The manufacturers of "Prostigmin" have offered to take back 148 boxes and to allow the Board a credit of £100. In view of the fact that this stock is three years old and that an allowance of £100 represents a loss of only £18 8s. 0d. on the original purchase price, I have accepted the manufacturers' offer.

19. I have accepted the offer of Mr. Thomas Cooper, 25 Queen Street, of £212 for four old horses no longer required at Portrane Farm, this being the only offer received in response to enquiries.

20. I have accepted also the tender of Messrs. J. E. Collins & Sons, Ltd., for the purchase of scrap metal at the following prices, being the highest of four tenders received, viz.:—

Cast Iron	...	£5	5s.	0d.	per ton
Lead	...	£5	0s.	0d.	per cwt.
Copper	...	£9	10s.	0d.	per cwt.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

21st October, 1954.

21. Since 13th ultimo, 60 male and 50 female patients were admitted, total 116. One hundred and six of these were Chargeable of whom 50 were Temporary, 40 were Voluntary and 16 were P.U.M. There were also admitted five Private patients, 1 Voluntary and 4 Temporary, two by order of High Court, one by order of Minister for Justice and two for special treatment from Cork Mental Hospital under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

22. With reference to the Inspection at Portrane carried out by Councillors Mrs. Nix and Anthony Lalor on 25th August, I have to report:—

Item 3. There is a standing order that the fire truck must be run twice weekly; a battery charger is installed

in the Fire Station and the battery is charged at regular intervals. The Chief Engineer does not think it essential to have a spare battery.

Item 6. Plans for a scheme for combined heating and hot water services for No. 10 Division and the proposed new Children's Division have been approved and it is hoped to invite tenders at an early date.

Item 7. Last year the Visiting Committee recommended that covers should be provided for the couches and armchairs in the Nurses' Sittingroom in the Main Building and this has been done. The armchairs in No. 10 Division are being covered now.

23. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Portrane on the 1st September by Councillors Colman and Keane, I have to report:—

Item 3. The cleaning and decoration of the O.T. Department and the Tailors' and Shoemakers' Shop is being attended to. The Chief Engineer does not consider it advisable at this stage to purchase a floor washer. A machine suitable for use on direct current might have to be replaced in the near future when alternating current is installed. It appears that a considerable amount of dust is blown into the Shoemaker's Shop when the finishing machine is in operation, and to improve matters the Chief Engineer is having an extraction duct fitted on the top of the machine to the open air.

24. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Portrane on the 21st September by Councillor Colman and Messrs. Cahill, Chase and O'Reilly, I have to report:—

Item 1. On the 20th May last the Board authorised the expenditure of the sum of £350 on the construction of an additional bedroom and the provision of a W.C. and bath, at the Main Gate Lodge. After the work had commenced the occupant asked that the size of the additional bedroom should be increased by 2 feet and I agreed to do this provided the authorised expenditure was not exceeded. The tenant has since asked for further extras which the Chief Engineer estimates will bring the total cost to £570. I am not prepared to spend more than the amount already authorised.

25. Considerable damage was done to the fields and roads in Santry Demesne in the course of laying a 15-inch water main by the Dublin County Council. The Agricultural Manager estimates that the cost of making good the damage will be about £219 and I am claiming that amount from the Co. Council.

26. I have accepted the offer of Messrs. Edward O'Keefe Ltd. to purchase boiled bones from the two institutions during the period ending 30th September, 1955, at the price of 6/9d. per cwt. and to supply meat and bone meal required for the farm at £36 per ton. Messrs. O'Keefe have agreed to supply meat and bone meal to the extent of one half by weight of the bones purchased.

27. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works I have accepted the tender of Messrs. T. Cooney & Co., Ltd., of Drogheda, for the supply of 300 tons of Gas Coke to Grange-gorman at £6 17s. 6d. per ton, being the lowest of seven tenders received.

28. In June and July last Messrs. Urwick Orr and Partners (Ireland) Ltd., Business Consultants, carried out an examination of the clerical and accounting procedures in the Board's offices and I have received their first detailed report. They are recommending changes in the routines and records relating to registration of patients, production of statistics, ordering of goods, certification and payment of accounts and payment of salaries and wages to bring them into line with the most modern commercial practice. Having discussed these proposals with the Chief Clerk and Accountant, I consider that they will tend to greater efficiency and I am adopting them with some minor modifications.

As far as I am aware, this is the first occasion on which an independent firm of Business Consultants has been employed by an Irish Local Authority, although this firm has been employed by the Government in some of its Departments. I regarded it as being in the nature of an experiment, since it was obvious that the limited scope of the Board's clerical and accounting organisation did not permit of any very substantial economies. However, I am fully satisfied now that the employment of the Consultants will be amply repaid in improved efficiency. I would mention that the Chief Clerk and Accountant welcomed the opportunity of working with a firm of independent experts in a review of their office organisation and the Consultants have expressed their appreciation of the co-operation they received from these officers and the other members of the staff.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 1. Chief Clerk to convey the Board's congratulations to female patient M. C. (21648), Portrane, who celebrated her 100th birthday recently.

Par. 13. Noted.

Arising out of this report, Mr. John Smithers proposed and Mrs. C. Keeble seconded: "That the members of the Sports Committee be congratulated on the very efficient manner in which the Annual Sports for patients and staff were organised this year." Passed unanimously.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

It was decided that the Special Committee appointed by the Board on the 29th July, 1954, to examine and report on the staffing of the various divisions in the two hospitals would hold its first meeting in Grangegorman at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 27th October, 1954.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 219**28th October, 1954.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of October, 1954. Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:—Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, William Lawless, Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. W. Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers and Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.*28th October, 1954.***1. Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies:**

Since my last report on the 23rd ultimo, twelve Shorthorn and seven Friesian T.B.-free milch cows were purchased for a total of £1,211 0s. 0d. The average price was £69 5s. 9d. per Friesian and £60 10s. 0d. per Shorthorn. Three in-calf heifers (Friesians) for £247 0s. 0d. and two

in-calf cows (Shorthorns) for £140 0s. 0d. were also purchased. With the purchase of these cows, milk production, which began to decline from the 6th instant and which showed a deficiency of up to thirty-seven gallons for a few days, has now been brought back to normal, and the present daily supply to the hospitals is 288 gallons to Grangegorman and 242 gallons to Portrane. The present daily production of 530 gallons from 236 cows represents an average of 2.24 gallons per cow.

The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production:—

4.5 gallons	...	6 cows
3.4 "	...	48 "
2.3 "	...	90 "
1.2 "	...	73 "
Under 1 gallon	...	19 "

2. Purchases and Sale of Livestock:

During the month of September the following livestock was (a) purchased and (b) sold:—

	Total Cost	Average per beast	Average per cwt.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) 22 milch cows ...	1,584 8 0	72 0 4	—
4 in-calf cows ...	338 2 0	84 10 6	—
1 in-calf heifer ...	68 5 0	—	—
6 bullocks ...	433 5 9	72 4 4	5 16 8
2 fat heifers ...	107 14 6	53 17 3	—
48 sheep ...	355 17 6	7 8 3	—
2 horses ...	85 0 0	42 10 0	—

(b) Twenty-one calves, 1 @ £13 10s. 0d., 1 @ £12, 1 @ £11 10s. 0d., 1 @ £11, 1 @ £10 10s. 0d., 1 @ £10, 1 @ £9,

1 @ £8 10s. 0d., 1 @ £8, 2 @ £7 10s. 0d., 1 @ £7, 4 @ £6 10s. 0d., 2 @ £6 and 3 @ £5—Total £169 0s. 0d.

Forty-eight bonhams transferred to Grangegorman: 24 @ £7, 12 @ £6 10s. and 12 @ £6—Total £318 0s. 0d.

Twenty bonhams sold at £5 15s. 0d.—Total £115 0s. 0d.

One bull (Nairn Rolibert) was sold for beef in the Dublin Market for £89 5s. 0d. (as reported on the 23rd ultimo).

3. Mastitis.—Some outbreaks of acute mastitis are occurring among the milch cows on all farms, but the disease is not as prevalent now as it has been for the past few months. The majority of cases are responding to the usual treatment.

4. Grass.—Grass has made very poor growth on all farms except Turvey during the past month and the quality has also deteriorated. Milk production has dropped sharply as a result and this has necessitated the hand-feeding of heavy milking cows. Pastures have cut up badly due to the continued wet weather, and some of the cows are suffering from lameness as a result; the housing of the cows at night is now being carried out. The silo pits at Portrane and Turvey have now been opened. The quality of the silage is good.

A field of after-grass (second cut) has been cut at Turvey but only a small portion has been saved so far.

5. Crops.—The digging of the main crop potatoes at Turvey continues and a portion of the crop has been pitted. The yield is very satisfactory so far. Harvesting continues under very difficult conditions. About twenty-six acres of

wheat are still uncut, and a further eighteen acres of wheat and fourteen acres of barley remain on the fields in stooks. The yield and quality of the grain crop harvested to date is not up to the standard of previous years, most of it being only suitable for milling purposes. Deductions of up to 8/- per barrel for wheat because of high moisture content are being made by the mills. Bushel weights are much lower also.

6. *Santry Court*.—The harvesting of the oat crop on this farm was completed on the 21st ultimo. The yield (122 barrels from 14 statute acres or 8.71 barrels per acre) was very disappointing. This crop has proved very uneconomic.

The grass on this farm has made satisfactory growth. I attribute this to the application of artificial manures last August. With the aftergrass from the hay there is ample grazing for the livestock, which at the moment consists of 58 calves, 31 yearling heifers and 93 two-year-old heifers.

There has been no outbreak of hoose on this farm during the current year. As a result, it is necessary to house at night only 36 of the smaller calves. Two further lots of calves are receiving supplementary feeding of meals. All the small calves have been dosed with phenothiazine from June to September (four doses).

Some of the poorer grasslands on this farm are at present receiving an application of farmyard manure at the rate of 15 tons per statute acre.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

28th October, 1954.

PORTRANE.

1. *Vegetable Fields*.—All winter greens, including root crops, are doing well, and I hope to have ample supply for winter and early spring.

2. *Spring Onions*.—Adverse weather conditions have prevented ripening and harvesting, and have caused onion mildew to spread rapidly through the whole crop. At the moment I am trying to save what I can of this crop by drying them under glass. The very most I can hope to save by this method would be about 10 per cent. This represents about 2-3 tons.

3. *Autumn Onions* (2½ acres in seedling stage).—I have just completed the weeding of this crop and it looks quite promising.

4. *Spring Cabbage Plants*.—The first of this crop planted has been grubbed and earthed. The total area planted up to date is six acres.

5. *Gardens and Recreation Grounds*.—Work carried out in this section consisted of planting lettuce, earthing celery, planting flower beds, propagating flowering plants. The picking of fruit is now completed.

GRANGEGORMAN.

6. Since my last report the following sowings and plantings have been carried out, viz.:—Sowing onions, planting cabbage and lettuce. These young crops are all doing well.

All flower beds and borders on hospital grounds have been planted with flowering biennials. Recreation grounds are in good condition.

SANTRY GARDENS.

Work carried out in these gardens during the past month consisted chiefly of weeding, scuffling, picking fruit and attending to tomato houses.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

28th September, 1954.

1. On Thursday, 28th September, accompanied by Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager, we visited the farms at Portrane and Turvey. We found everything in good order, the stock was all out in the fields except one sick cow. The potatoes recently dug and stored in the shed seem a very fine crop indeed and the large field ready for digging looks very promising. The silage pit filled and sealed is a fine job of work.

2. At Portrane we found a fine collection of pigs with every appearance of being well cared for. The sows and boars are really first-class animals and the litters reflect the care and attention devoted to breeding first-class animals. Conversion of the cow byre into a piggery is a fine job of work.

Fields of wheat look promising but weather conditions and the late season leave the crop rather backward.

The cows look very well and, except a few slightly lame in the nearby pasture, appear healthy.

We noted with pleasure the improvement in the office accommodation in the farmyard which gives ample facilities to carry on the work there.

3. After lunch, accompanied by Mr. Wolohan, we inspected the gardens and found ample evidence of the skill, care and attention devoted to the fruit, flower and vegetable production so vitally necessary to the institution. In spite of the unfavourable weather conditions this year, great progress is being made in harvesting the fruit crop. The new propagating house is nearing completion and is a wonderful improvement to the place.

The reclaimed garden across the canal is developing satisfactorily and fencing could be usefully undertaken at an early date.

We would suggest that immediate attention be given to the road leading to the gardens, which is badly rutted at the corners by the building contractor's lorries. It is decidedly dangerous in wet weather.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their courtesy and help.

WILLIAM COLMAN (Chairman).
GILBERT HUGHES.
THOMAS O'REILLY.
M. C. ENNIS.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 25th November, 1954, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

„ W. Lawless.

Mr. William Chase.

Mr. John Smithers.

E. M. MURRAY.

Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 220.

18th November, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 18th day of November, 1954, Councillor William J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives:— Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A., Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Thomas Byrne, T.D., Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., E. Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Joseph E. Masterson, John Jones, Thomas O'Reilly and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives:— Councillor James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Emis.

County Wicklow Representatives:— Councillor C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mrs. C. Keeble.

The minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 218, 21st October 1954) were confirmed and signed.

Arising out of the minutes, Councillor Sean Dunne apologised for his inability to attend the meetings of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the staffing of the Board's hospitals and tendered his resignation from the Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Sean Dunne, seconded by Councillor E. Timmons, Mr. T. O'Reilly was appointed to the vacancy on the Special Committee arising from Councillor Dunne's resignation.

CONDOLENCE

It was proposed by Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix "That we learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Roger Greene, Law Adviser to the Board, and we tender to his wife and family our deepest sympathy in the loss they have sustained."

The resolution was passed in silence, all present standing.

The Chairman and the members of the Board congratulated Dr. Patrick J. Aird on his appointment as Portrane Medical Superintendent.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 20th October to 17th November, 1954, as under was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register, 20th October, 1954	1783	2077	3860
Admitted to 17th November, 1954	54	54	108
	1837	2131	3968

	Males	Females	Total			
Discharged to						
17th Novr., '54	52	47	99			
Died to Do.	10	9	19			
Escaped to Do.	—	—	—	62	56	118
Remaining on Hospital Register						
17th November, 1954 ...	...	...	1775	2075	3850	
Absent on trial and escape 17th November, 1954 ...	...	...	24	29	53	
Number actually resident on 18th November, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book.	...	...	1751	2046	3797	

DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital ...	891	1237	2128
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	860	809	1669
Total number resident as above ...	1751	2046	3797

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	...	2867
County of Dublin ...	...	514
County Wicklow ...	...	347
Criminal Lunatics ...	...	44
Non-district patients ...	...	25
TOTAL:		3797

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor William Lawless seconded the adoption of Report No. 219 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 28th October, 1954. Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

3rd November, 1954.

1. On our round of Inspection we were accompanied by Dr. William O'Brien for the first part and by Miss Sharkey, Matron, for the latter part. The Female Hospital was our first call. As the day was bright and sunny all the wards looked bright and cheerful. We spoke to a number of patients and many said how good everyone was to them. We got the usual requests to go home.
2. Lunch was being served in the Female Dining Hall when we entered. We hope it will not be long before the Dining Hall is done up as at present it is dirty and dingy looking. The patients seemed to enjoy their lunch which was both appetising and well cooked.
3. As we looked into the small diningroom with the tables for four, we hoped that some day we will have space enough to allow us to have all the dining rooms with those small tables. They look so much nicer and the patients like them better than one long table in a large hall.
4. After lunch we visited the Male Therapy Wards and found several patients at work. Some were painting on glass, others making mats and some were picture framing. All seemed happy and contented.

5. Being Visiting Day, we sat in the new Visiting Hall and watched the patients meeting their friends and having a cup of tea with them. It is an excellent idea to sell tea, cakes, etc., to patients and visitors, and all derive pleasure from so doing.

6. In connection with Male Therapy, we suggest tapestry work might be tried out as it would suit even a bed patient.

7. The fans in the workshops seem to be very much overheated. We wonder if there is a remedy to keep the rooms at a more even temperature.

8. Our impression on the whole was that the Hospital is very well kept and patients well looked after.

We return thanks to Dr. W. O'Brien and to Matron for their courtesy and kindness to us.

W. J. COLMAN
CATHERINE BYRNE
ESSIE O'BYRNE
ANTHONY LALOR

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE

4th November, 1954.

1. Accompanied by Dr. Meenan, we proceeded to the main kitchen where dinner was in the course of preparation and consisted of vegetables, turnips, and sliced beef. The food was well cooked and handled. We proceeded to the Dining Hall to await the arrival of the patients. They were very orderly. Dinner was being served to three divisions. We awaited the general clean up and preparations for second

dinner. Here again, we witnessed discipline and speed in handling and serving.

2. Whilst on our way to the Dining Hall, we noticed some bad patches of dampness on the corridor also that work in the new toilet accommodation has stopped. We were informed this has been the position for some time. This toilet is very essential and work should not be held up.

3. We visited Nos. 6 and 7 Female Hospitals where dinner had just been finished. The general condition as to cleanliness and supervision was all that could be desired.

4. There was not much to report in No. 8 Division. All the patients were out; also at No. 9 Division we noticed some bad patches in the floor which should receive immediate attention.

5. Outside these divisions there are a number of seats which could be much improved by painting.

6. Whilst passing our new buildings we paid a short visit. Some are nearing completion and the work seems to be progressing satisfactorily.

7. We discussed with the Chief Engineer, some small items, such as the floor at No. 9 Division. He informed us that the seats which require painting are receiving attention at the moment.

We are grateful to Dr. Meenan for his help during our visit.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.

E. TIMMONS

J. MASTERSON.

Order: Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

It was decided unanimously that the examination of the draft list of special works for inclusion in the Estimates for 1955-56 should be carried out by the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees, and that the number of members appointed to each Committee for the ensuing period to the 16th December, should be increased to six. It was arranged that the Grangegorman Visiting Committee would meet for this purpose at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 30th November, and the Portrane Visiting Committee at 11 a.m. on Monday, 29th November.

The following were appointed to the Visiting Committees:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman)

- .. James Andrews
- .. Miss M. C. Ennis
- .. Gilbert Hughes
- .. E. Timmons

Mr. W. Chase

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman)

- .. Mrs. Catherine Byrne
- .. Anthony Lalor
- .. William Lawless
- .. Mrs. Kathleen Nix

Mr. John Cahill.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

12th November, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 9th instant 5796 patients, viz:—

		Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	...	889	1256	2145
In Portrane	...	863	788	1651
		1752	2044	3796

as compared with:—

9th November, 1953	...	1704	2041	3745
9th November, 1952	...	1648	1980	3628
9th November, 1951	...	1585	1940	3525
9th November, 1950	...	1606	1961	3567

this year's number being 51 more than on the corresponding date last year and 229 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

3. Dr. Patrick J. Aird took up duty as Portrane Medical Superintendent on the 27th October.

4. On the 7th instant male patient T.T. (6789), aged 74 years, was knocked down by another patient in No. 5 division at Grangegorman and sustained a fracture of the right hip. He later developed broncho-pneumonia and died on the 21st ultimo. An inquest was held on the 25th ultimo and the verdict of the jury was that the patient died from broncho-pneumonia accelerated by the fracture of the

femur. The jury considered the occurrence accidental and exonerated the staff from all blame.

Female patient M. O'B. (7374), aged 49 years, died at Grangegorman after a few hours illness. The Coroner was notified and a post mortem examination was carried out. He did not deem an inquest necessary and certified that death was due to pulmonary congestion and cardiac failure.

On the 15th ultimo female patient E. H. (23834), aged 59 years, who had been confined to bed in No. 10 division at Portrane, collapsed while going to a bed chair and died almost immediately. The Coroner was notified but did not deem an inquest necessary.

5. Male patient H. R. (7706), a voluntary patient, failed to return to Grangegorman off pass on the 15th ultimo.

Male patient J. B. (4406), who escaped from Portrane on the 19th September, was apprehended by the Guards at Kilkenny and brought back to Grangegorman on the 21st ultimo.

6. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).* On the 12th ultimo male patient J. K. (4284), aged 29 years, a liberty patient working in the garden, was tricking with another patient when he accidentally struck his right hand against a garden cart, sustaining a fracture of the base of the right ring finger. His hand was healed satisfactorily.

Female patient K. B. (39023), aged 72 years, slipped on a shoe in No. 22 division dayroom on the 26th ultimo, sustaining an impacted fracture of the left femoral neck of bone. She was attended to by a Medical Officer and later by a Visiting Surgeon and the fracture was set in plaster.

Male patient J. E. S. (7736), when admitted on the 18th ultimo, had a fracture of the right hip sustained prior to admission. He is making satisfactory progress.

Male patient M. C. (7758), when admitted on the 23rd ultimo from a City Hospital, had self-inflicted wounds on throat, wrist and abdomen. The wounds have healed satisfactorily.

Male patient W. R. (7671), when admitted on the 1st ultimo, had severe burns on both hands and fingers caused by electric shock. He was operated on by a Visiting Surgeon and his progress to date is fair.

7. *Accidents to Patients* (Portrane). On the 17th ultimo male patient J. M. (43005), a liberty patient, was walking on the Front Avenue when he was knocked down by a bus, sustaining a fracture of the base of the skull. The patient was transferred to Grangegorman for surgical treatment. The Gardai were notified immediately, but, as far as can be ascertained, no member of the staff witnessed the accident. The Portrane Medical Superintendent reports that the patient is weak-minded but coherent and rational in conversation and behaviour, and he was, in the opinion of the Portrane Medical Superintendent, a suitable case to have the liberty of the grounds which he had enjoyed over a long period.

On the 2nd ultimo while two nurses were assisting female patient E. M. (29503) out of bed, the patient impulsively pushed one of the nurses causing her to fall. The patient, who is unable to stand without support, also over-balanced and fell, sustaining a fracture of the lower third of the right tibia. The patient was transferred to Grangegorman for treatment. The Portrane Medical Superintendent has

enquired into the matter and is satisfied that the accident was not due to any negligence on the part of the staff.

On the 29th ultimo female patient A. M. (40204), who was in bed in the infirmary, was found to have caused a wound in the right lower abdominal wall with a piece of delph which she had broken while having dinner. The wound was somewhat superficial but necessitated the insertion of four sutures. The Portrane Medical Superintendent reports that the patient showed no evidence of being depressed and there was nothing in her history to suggest any tendency to self-injury, and he is of opinion that there was no negligence on the part of the staff.

All the foregoing accidents to patients have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. *Accidents to Staff* (Grangegorman). On the 13th ultimo male patient T. W. (7676) was being visited by female relatives. They tried to take him home with them. When told that they could not do so they became very abusive and troublesome and Nurse E. H. received scratches on his hands from their nails.

Nurse P. G. slipped when helping to load pigs at the piggery on the 13th ultimo and injured his knees and left thigh. He was attended to by a Medical Officer and continued at work until the 19th ultimo when he submitted a certificate that he would be unfit for work for four to five days. He resumed on the 25th ultimo.

A number of other accidents to nurses were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

9. *Accidents to Staff* (Portrane). Nurse K. P. R's. right thumb was hurt by a patient on the 17th ultimo. She was off duty for three days.

Temporary Attendant M. B. burned her left hand in the kitchen on the 18th ultimo and was off duty for two days.

T. L., farm labourer, injured his foot in a fall in Portrane Farmyard on the 4th ultimo and has been off duty since that date.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

10. On the 14th ultimo male patient J. O'S. (38804) Portrane, reported that a sum of money which he alleged amounted to £7 was stolen from him by another patient while he was at the patients' dance. The matter was thoroughly investigated by the Portrane Medical Superintendent and the Head Male Nurse, and the Charge Nurses of the various divisions were instructed to keep their patients under special observation with a view to locating the money. The patient was unable to give a coherent logical account as to how he had accumulated this sum of money, and the Portrane Medical Superintendent has some doubts as to whether he ever had it in his possession.

11. I regret to report the death on the 2nd instant of Mr. Roger Greene, who had acted as Law Adviser to the Board since the death of his father in 1946.

12. The Department of Health has returned the sketch plans for the new Female Nurses' Home, Portrane, with the suggestion that the scheme should be revised to give bedrooms on both sides of the main corridor on each floor, thereby reducing the height of the building and giving a more economical scheme. The suggestion has been referred to the Architect for examination.

13. On the 30th September the Special Building Committee approved of the working drawings for the new Children's Division at Portrane and adopted my recommendation that the building work, which was estimated to cost £9,000, should be carried out by direct labour. The Minister for Health has since approved the working drawings and has noted the Board's decision to carry out the project by direct labour.

In conjunction with the work of reconstructing the old laundry division for use as a Children's Division, it was decided to erect a new boilerhouse and provide a combined heating and water service installation for No. 10 division as well as the Children's Division. This work, with the new electrical installation to the Children's division, was originally estimated to cost £4,120.

I have since received from the Architect an estimate of the total approximate cost, viz.:—

CHILDREN'S DIVISION		£
New Building Works	...	8,000
Alteration to existing building	...	2,500
Mechanical Services	...	1,600
		12,100
Architect's fees	...	741

No. 10 Division		£
Mechanical & electrical services		2,520
Builders' work	...	500
		3,020

Consulting Engineer's fees for both divisions	...	275	
		—	3,295
Contingencies, etc.	...	...	100
			—
Approximate Total Cost	...	16,236	

The Architect points out that the figure for the building works in the Children's Division provides for an increase in size of the proposed new wing in order to provide accommodation for children of a higher age group than was previously contemplated; it includes also for the provision of a folding screen in the day room as suggested by the Special Building Committee.

Preliminary work in the Children's division started on the 27th September and proposals will be submitted at an early date for the raising of a loan to cover the total cost.

14. The Board's Architect has examined the suggestion made by the Special Building Committee that the space formerly occupied by Portrane House should be used as the site for the new residence for the Portrane Medical Superintendent. The Architect has reported that this site is more suitable than the one originally selected; it is more convenient to existing water, drainage and electrical services and will not entail undue expense for site works and development which would have been necessary on the original site. The plans already prepared will have to be altered but in the Architect's opinion the new site will permit of an improved lay-out of the house. I have instructed him to prepare the revised plans as quickly as possible.

15. Further to Paragraph 16 of my report of 15th October, the Chief Clerk, the Chief Engineer, Portrane, Mr.

Eoin Kenny, Consulting Engineer, and myself attended a conference in the Department of Health on 2nd instant to discuss the condition of the steam boilers at Portrane.

The Department's Chief Engineering Adviser expressed the opinion that the Board would be justified in spending up to £10,000 on repairs to four of the existing boilers, which might be expected to extend their working life by at least fifteen years. Mr. Eoin Kenny, Consulting Engineer, estimated that the total cost of the repairs would not exceed £7,500.

In order to cope with the additional load required for the two new 124-bed units, the Department's Chief Engineering Adviser said that he would be prepared to recommend the purchase of one new boiler, to replace the No. 1 steam boiler which is beyond repair. I instructed Mr. Kenny to prepare and submit a specification for the new boiler.

I was informed also that the Department have no objection to the temporary installation in Portrane of a steam boiler which is due to arrive in this country shortly for installation in the Galway Regional General Hospital. The boiler will be tested under working conditions in Portrane and it will serve as a useful stand-by while the Board's steam boilers are undergoing repairs.

I have since received the Minister's approval to acceptance of the following tenders for the repairs to the No. 2 boiler and the removal of the No. 1 boiler:—

ENGINEERING PRODUCTS LTD.

Rebrickng	...	...	£925	0	0
Overhauling mountings	...	...	109	0	0

HADENS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.

Renewal of blow down, etc.	...	...	182	14	0
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GRIFFON BOILER CO.

Insulation	...	...	49	0	0
Removal of No. 1 Boiler, etc.	...	...	101	4	0
			£1,366	18	0

The Minister has approved also of the fitting of expansion joints at an estimated cost of £250-£300 and the Consulting Engineer is obtaining tenders for this work.

A sum of £1,008 has already been expended on repairs to the No. 3 boiler and tenders will be invited for such repairs to the Nos. 4 and 5 boilers as may be found necessary when tests have been completed.

16. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works and Chief Engineer, I have accepted the following tenders for the supply of fuel to Grangegorman and Portrane, respectively:—

GRANGEGORMAN

MacKENZIE & CO. for

500 tons Welsh steam coal @ £7 1 0 a ton

P. DONNELLY & SONS LTD. for

45 tons Castlecomer Anthracite @ £8 15 10 a ton

T. COONEY & CO. LTD. Drogheda, for

Gas Coke @ £6 17 6 a ton

PORTRANE

TEDCASTLE McCORMICK & CO. LTD. for

300 tons Yorkshire slack @ £5 6 10 a ton

P. DONNELLY & SONS LTD. for

300 tons Yorkshire slack @ £5 6 6 a ton

M. DOHERTY & CO. LTD. for

300 tons Yorkshire slack @ £5 7 0 a ton

T. COONEY & CO. LTD., Drogheda, for

80 tons House Coal (Whitehaven) @ £6.9 6 a ton

P. DONNELLY & SONS LTD. for

25 tons Slieveardagh Anthracite @ £8 2 0 a ton

being the lowest tenders in each case received in response to public advertisement. Although the accepted tenders for Yorkshire slack are at three different prices, the Chief Engineer reports that samples supplied by these firms proved on test to cost the same per 1,000 lbs. of steam raised.

17. On the suggestion of Councillor Andrews, the Store-keeper at Portrane has obtained quotations for an overhead carcass weighing machine for use in the butcher's shop. The most suitable machine is that offered by Messrs. Avery Ltd. at the price of approximately £275. If the Board approves, I will provide this sum in the draft Estimate of Expenses for 1955-56.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

18th November, 1954.

18. Since the 18th ultimo 60 male and 55 female patients were admitted, total 115. One hundred and six of these were Chargeable Patients, of whom 58 were Temporary, 21 were Voluntary, and 27 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted 4 Private Patients, one Temporary and three Voluntary; one patient from St. Vincent's, Fairview, under Section 213 of the

Mental Treatment Act, 1945, and four patients under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, from Killarney (2), Mullingar and Ballinasloe Mental Hospitals.

19. A sum of £500 was included in the Board's Estimates for the current year to provide a 16 m.m. cinematograph projector for the entertainment of patients who are unable to attend the regular cinema performances at Grangegorman. Quotations have been obtained for a suitable apparatus and, on the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted the offer of the Atlas Cine Supply Ltd. for a Bell and Howell projector and stand as the price of £248 8s. 0d. The rent of films will cost 50/- to 75/- a week.

20. I will have available next week the draft lists of special works for inclusion in the Annual Estimates for 1955/56. I assume that, as in previous years, the Board will arrange to have these lists examined by a small Committee. It would be of the greatest assistance in preparing the general estimate if the Committee could meet for this purpose at an early date.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 13. Approved unanimously on the motion of Mr. John Cahill, seconded by Councillor J. Andrews.

Par. 14. Noted.

Par. 17. Deferred for examination and report by Councillor J. Andrews.

Par. 20. Examination to be carried out by respective Visiting Committees.

SANTRY COURT

Councillor Sean Dunne reported that he had been asked by a builder whether the Board would permit him to demolish the derelict mansion at Santry Court and remove the materials for use as dry filling. It was decided that the Architect should be asked whether it would be worth while inviting offers for this material.

E. N. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 221.

25th November, 1954.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 25th day of November, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:—Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, William Lawless, Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. William Chase, T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mrs. C. Keeble.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

25th November, 1954.

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since my last report on the 28th ultimo, 16 T.B. free milch cows (10 Shorthorns and 6 Friesians) were purchased. Four of these have not yet been paid for and the cost of the remaining twelve was £748 0s. 0d., or £62 6s. 8d. per cow. There was a slight shortage of milk for the first two weeks of this month, but production is now back to normal and the present daily supply to the hospitals is 288 gallons to Grangegorman and 255 gallons to Portrane. The present daily production of 544 gallons from 251 cows represents an average of 2.21 gallons per cow.

The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production:—

4.5 gallons	...	6 cows
3.4	"	... 47 "
2.9	"	... 77 "
1.2	"	... 93 "
Under 1	"	... 28 "

2. *Purchases and Sale of Livestock.*—The following tables give an account of (a) purchases and (b) sales of livestock during the month of October:—

	Total Cost			Av. per beast			Av. per cwt. L.W.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
(a) 18 milch cows	1,136	0	0	63	4	5	—
2 dry & in-calf cows	140	0	0	70	0	0	—
3 dry & in-calf heifers	247	0	0	82	0	8	—
8 bullocks	497	16	4	62	4	6	£5 14s. 3d.
2 fat pigs	29	0	0	14	5	0	—
31 sheep	247	7	6	7	19	7	—
18 store pigs							
(for G. M. H.)	119	5	0	6	12	6	—
2 horses	95	0	0	47	10	0	—

(b) Thirteen calves:—1 @ £13 10s. 0d., 1 @ £12, 1 @ £11, 1 @ £10, 3 @ £9, 1 @ £7, and 5 @ £6—Total £110 10s. 0d.

Twelve bonhams were transferred to Grangegorman at £6 each—Total £72 0s. 0d. Two fat sows were sold in September for £62 7s. 6d. (not reported last month).

Four old horses were sold for £212 0s. 0d.

3. *Mastitis.*—Some cases of acute mastitis are occurring at Portrane and Turvey farms. Most of these are responding to the usual treatment. No cases of mastitis have occurred at Ballymestone Farm for some weeks.

4. *Grass*.—Surplus grass on all farms has now been grazed and the foddering of the dry stock has commenced at Santry Court and Turvey Farms. Most of the grasslands are wet and waterlogged and are cutting up rather badly. It is not expected that there will be any further growth of grass during the current season. I regret to say that I was unable to save the remainder of the ten acres of after-grass at Turvey as anticipated last month. This is being used at the Turvey cowshed for bedding.

5. *Crops*.—The digging of the maincrop potatoes at Turvey continues and about 50 tons have been pitted. To date about 43 acres of the potato crop has been dug and 50 acres remain undug. It is difficult to get the potatoes lifted in a dry condition as the soil has become very wet and sticky. About ten acres which remain to be dug in the Ramparts field are in danger of rotting should there be heavy rain in the near future. Every effort is being made to have the potatoes in this field lifted. I understand that the potato crop in general is not so good this year and it is advisable that economies in their use should be made. It is also thought that the price will considerably increase before next spring.

The cutting and threshing of the corn crop was completed on the 16th instant and the storing of the straw is almost completed. The total yield of the wheat crop was 1337·8 barrels or 11·25 barrels per statute acre. This is a decrease of 1·36 barrels per statute acre compared with last year. The 16·5 statute acres of barley yielded 222 barrels or 13·5 barrels per acre. The yield last year was 17·6 barrels per statute acre. The moisture content of the wheat crop varied from 21·7% to 28·7%, while the bushel weights ranged from 50½ to 58 lbs. The price obtained varied from 61/- to 80/- per barrel. These returns can be considered fairly satisfactory considering the late wet spring and the difficult harvest this year.

6. *Santry Court*.—The present stock on this farm consists of 58 calves, 31 yearling heifers and 46 two-year-old heifers. It has not been found necessary to house any more of the younger calves, so far.

About 22 acres of grassland on this farm has received a dressing of farmyard manure. There is sufficient manure available for another ten acres.

7. *Implements Shed at Ballymastone*.—The lowest tender received for the erection of an Implements Shed at Ballymastone was £628 0s. 0d. A sum of £240 0s. 0d. was included in the current year's estimates for this work, which was originally intended to be carried out by the Engineers' Staff.

JAMES HAYES.

Agricultural Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Para. 1 to 6. Noted.

Par. 7. Expenditure of additional sum of £388 is recommended.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

PORTRANE.

25th November, 1954.

1. *Crops*.—During the past month we have been lifting and storing a portion of the root crop; the bad weather prevented us from completing this work.

All winter greens, including autumn onions and leeks, are doing well.

Very little tillage or general land work was carried out during the month.

2. *Gardens and Recreation Grounds.*—Work carried out in this section consisted of planting lettuce, earthing celery, lifting and storing beet, hanking onions, renovating herbaceous borders, removing chrysanthemums indoors, and general indoor work.

GRANGEGORMAN.

3. Work carried out in this department consisted of planting cabbage and lettuce, earthing leeks and general care and attention of shrubberies and recreation grounds.

A. WOLOHAN.

Head Gardener.

Order Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

11th November, 1954.

1. We visited Portrane Farms and Garden on 11th November, 1954. At Turvey the cows were as usual in good condition and all calves were excellent. We inspected the potatoes in store and, considering the climatic conditions, the quality is very good. We are aware that the lifting of our potato crop presents grave difficulty to our Farm Manager and his staff and we heartily congratulate the men on their endeavours to save our valuable crop under appalling conditions. We inspected a large field of wheat in hand stacks and observed our Combine Harvester ready to thresh when weather permits. Again we compliment our Manager and staff on their patience and perseverance in saving our corn crop.

2. Thirty-two calves were inspected at Ballynastone and found in good condition and well cared for. We observed

evidence of recent flooding in the lower fields; we also observed that preparations were being made for our new Machinery Shed at Ballymastone.

3. Our inspection disclosed that we have 220 purchased cows, 140 home-bred, 70 two-year-old heifers, 70 yearlings and 70 calves under one year. Mr. Reidy gave us the figures of our purchased cows for the past three years, and in view of the Committee's and Management's effort to make our herd self contained, the following figures should be of interest: During the year 1952/53 we purchased 176 cows and 8 springing heifers; in 1953/54, 148 cows only; in 1954/55 up to 31st October, 102 cows and 4 springers.

4. We noticed a very big improvement in the quality of our young pigs, and in our opinion this herd would compare very favourably with any other in the country.

5. During our inspection of the Garden we found tons of onions rotting, due entirely to the bad weather we have had during the past three months, and we sympathise with Mr. Wolohan and his staff on their experiences during the year.

6. We noted the difficulties experienced by the tradesmen and his workers with regard to the construction of the bridge over the canal, and we consider it will be impossible to keep within the estimate for this work.

7. We discussed the question of repairs to our garden tractor with Mr. Wolohan and Mr. Chalmers and having received estimates for repairs to old machine (£133) and an estimate for a new diesel engine (£260), we strongly recommend the purchase of a new tractor.

8. We inspected our greenhouse and conservatories and we wish to compliment the Head Gardener and his staff

on the magnificent display of plants and flowers, with particular reference to the wonderful array of chrysanthemums.

9. In the absence of our Farm Manager, Mr. Sheridan helped us on our tour of inspection, and we wish to thank him and Mr. Reidy. We also record our thanks to Mr. Wolohan for his assistance in the garden; not forgetting our old friend, the patient "T. M."

JOHN SMITHERS.

W. CHASE.

W. LAWLESS.

Wm. J. COLMAN.

Order. Received late. Consideration deferred to next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 27th January, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman).

.. C. M. Byrne.

.. E. Timmons.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

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*Report No. 222.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

BOARD MEETING

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 16th day of December, 1954, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, W. P. Donohoe, P.C., Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, T. J. Murray, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Joseph E. Masterson, John Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

County Dublin Representatives:—Councillors James Andrews and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives:—Councillors C. M. Byrne, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

The minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 220 of the 18th November, 1954) were confirmed and signed.

CONDOLENCE

It was proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor W. J. Colman "That we tender to Mrs. John Dunne our deepest sympathy in the loss she has sustained in the death of her mother." The resolution was passed in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 17th November to 15th December, 1954, as under was submitted and signed :—

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
On Hospital Register, 17th November, 1954	1,775	2,075	3,850
Admitted to 15th December, 1954	40	51	91
	1,815	2,126	3,941

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Discharged to 15th December, 1954	40	39	79
Died to do. ...	5	6	11
Escaped to do. — — —	45	45	90

Remaining on Hospital Register 15th December, 1954 ...	1,770	2,081	3,851
Absent on trial and escape, 15th December, 1954	34	51	85
Number actually resident on 15th December, 1954, as per Morning Statement Book	1,736	2,030	3,766

DISTRIBUTION

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital ...	881	1,228	2,109
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	855	802	1,657
Total number resident as above ...	1,736	2,030	3,766

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin ...	2,842
County of Dublin ...	510
County Wicklow ...	345
Criminal Lunatics ...	45
Non-district patients ...	24
TOTAL ...	3,766

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Anthony Lalor seconded the adoption of Report No. 221 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 25th November, 1954. Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE

29th November, 1954.

1. On the 29th November, 1954, we carried out an Inspection at Portrane Mental Hospital and also examined items included in the special works estimate for the coming year.

2. The Laundry looks quite fresh and all the patients were working well.

3. We looked into No. 2 Female Refractory Ward and thought it looked very crowded. There were 153 patients with seven nurses in attendance.

The Women's Toilets are in a bad condition, as are those of the men, but as the estimate only includes the men's toilet, we trust the women's will be done the following year.

4. Some of the dormitories only require a wash down and a touch up with paint and they would be freshened up and last for a long while yet.

No. 1 Female Day Room is not too bad and could be left out this year.

When we went into the Dining Hall we saw the female patients at dinner. The potatoes are very large and, as there is going to be a scarcity in the near future, we suggest the potatoes could be halved and they would cook better. It would also save potatoes if they were peeled as some of the patients cannot do this themselves and it is too much to ask the nurse to peel so many.

5. In case of further accidents occurring in the room where nurses use the electric irons, we suggest the irons be fitted with a thermostat and they would automatically switch off.

6. We must record that the lunch served to the Visiting Committee was excellent and enjoyed by all.

7. After lunch we inspected the Male Side of the Hospital. In No. 7 Male Washroom the walls and ceiling are very damp and it looks as if the roof needs repairing.

8. We were shown a small room where patients' belongings are kept and it is very damp. Could some form of heating be installed? This would dry up the damp atmosphere.

9. Most of the toilets have very damp walls and painting will not improve them. We suggest the cause of dampness be investigated before painting is done.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Aird and the Matron for accompanying us on our Inspection.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

JOHN CAHILL.

WILLIAM LAWLESS.

ANTHONY LALOR.

KATHLEEN NIX.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order : Noted.

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL WORKS DURING 1955-56

In compliance with the decision of the Board at its meeting on the 18th November, the Portrane Visiting Committee met on 29th November and the Grangegorman Visiting Committee on the 30th November, to examine the Manager's draft lists

of special works for inclusion in the official Estimate for the coming financial year 1955-56. The following are the recommendations of the respective Committees:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE

We recommend that the total expenditure of £12,320 proposed by the Manager for special works at Grangegorman be reduced to £11,410, as follows:—

Internal and External Painting, from £4,000 to £3,500. It is recommended also that as much as possible of the painting work be carried out by contract.

Re-decoration of Employees' Houses, reduced from £300 to £200. It is considered probable that the lower figure will be sufficient.

Farm Repairs: (cart and vans)—We recommend that this item, which was estimated to cost £150 be deleted.

Marne Villas and Stanhope Terrace: Replastering to external walls, reduced from £350 to £290. It is recommended also that this work be carried out by contract.

Grangegorman Villas: Repairing garden walls—reduced from £200 to £100. It is considered that the lower amount will be sufficient if the walls are pointed instead of plastered.

(Signed) W. J. COLMAN (Chairman).

JAMES ANDREWS.

M. C. ENNIS.

GILBERT HUGHES.

E. TIMMONS.

W. CHASE.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE

We recommend that the total expenditure of £9,353 proposed by the Manager be reduced to £7,702, as follows:—

Internal and External Painting: Reduced from £2,140 to £1,654. It is recommended also that as much as possible of the painting work be carried out by contract.

Repairs to and Resurfacing Roadways: Reduced from £1,528 to £548. We recommend to the Manager that the resurfacing of the Main Avenue, which is estimated to cost £750, be regarded as part of the contract for the two New Units.

Hot Water Supply in No. 8 Division and Wash Basin in Male Messroom: We recommend that this item, which was estimated to cost £40, be deleted.

Installation of Water Main and Troughs in Farm: Having consulted the Farm Manager, we recommend that this item, which was estimated to cost £105, be deleted.

Repairs to Farm Gutters and Cleaning Roofs: Reduced from £200 to £160. The former amount included a sum of £40 for cleaning the asbestos roof and gutters in the farmyard. We recommend that this work should be carried out by the Farm Staff as part of their ordinary duties.

(Signed) W. J. COLMAN (Chairman).

CATHERINE BYRNE.

ANTHONY LALOR

WILLIAM LAWLESS.

KATHLEEN NIX.

JOHN CAHILL.

Order: Adopted unanimously on the motion of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. John Cahill.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 13th January, 1955, date of next meeting of the Board :—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE :

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).
 „ James Andrews.
 „ Miss M. C. Ennis.
 „ Gilbert Hughes.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE

Councillor W. J. Colman.
 „ C. M. Byrne.
 „ W. P. Donohoe.
 Mr. William Chase.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

10th December, 1954.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 7th instant 3,767 patients, viz. :—

		Males.	Females.	Total.
In Grangegorman	...	877	1,228	2,105
In Portrane	...	856	806	1,662
		1,733	2,034	3,767

as compared with:—

		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
7th December, 1953	...	1,731	2,025	3,756
7th December, 1952	...	1,642	1,974	3,616
7th December, 1951	...	1,585	1,940	3,525
7th December, 1950	...	1,596	1,949	3,545

this year's number being 11 more than on the corresponding date last year and 222 more than on the corresponding date in 1950.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. Female patient J. H. (4474) escaped from the grounds when on her way to confession in the chapel at Grangegorman on the 27th ultimo. She was with 22 other patients in charge of a nurse and was missed when the patients returned from the Church. She was brought back from her home the same evening. The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this escape. He has arranged that a second nurse will accompany patients going to confession.

4. On the 13th ultimo male patient J.B. (4406) and J.C. (6100), both liberty patients at Portrane, failed to return to supper. The former had been working in the bakery and the latter in the upholsterer's shop. Neither has since been retaken nor has any information been received as to their whereabouts. The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that there was no negligence on the part of the staff in connection with their escape.

5. Male patient J.B. (7878) was admitted to the Hospital as a private temporary patient on the 27th ultimo. He was one of the defendants in a criminal charge in the District Court. On the instructions of the Justice who is hearing this case, the patient was arrested and removed from the Hospital on the 2nd December.

6. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS (Grangegorman). On the 26th ultimo male patient J.K. (7731), aged 62 years, was found in the lavatory of No. 10 division with serious wounds inflicted with a piece of glass obtained by breaking a window. He was attended to by a Medical Officer and a Visiting Surgeon and he is making satisfactory progress.

Male patient P.O'B. (7037) had electric treatment in conjunction with coma insulin and sustained a minor compression of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th dorsal vertebrae, which probably occurred during treatment.

The Chief R.M.S. has enquired into the circumstances of these accidents and he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection therewith. They have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS (Portrane). Male patient J.McE. (36372) complained of a pain in his left side on the morning of the 11th November, and an examination showed a small bruise over the left side. Exhaustive enquiries made by the Portrane Medical Superintendent have failed to establish any external cause for the injury which appears to have resulted from muscular traction at the time when the patient first felt the pain. An X-ray examination showed a questionable fracture.

On the 6th November a Charge Nurse noted that female patient F.N. (25832) was a little lame. The patient stated that she slipped in the toilet on the 5th November but apparently she suffered no immediate ill effects. As she was then going to bed no abnormality was observed until the following morning when the patient was removed immediately to hospital for examination. An X-ray examination showed an impacted fracture of the neck of the femur.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent considers that there was no negligence on the part of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

On the 25th ultimo female patient A.H. (36757) was found to have bruises on the buttocks, right thigh and left shin and a bruise on the nose. There was no evidence as to how she came to have these contusions. The patient when first seen gave varying accounts of how she was set upon by the staff and patients and beaten. She later stated that she was beaten by a patient and again that another patient pulled the chair from under her when she was about to sit down. This last explanation, if correct, would explain the bruises on the buttocks and back and it seems probable that the other conditions resulted from an altercation she had with a patient in the dininghall at supper time. The Portrane Medical Superintendent interviewed all the members of the staff who were on duty at the time the patient alleged she received these bruises but they did not observe her being struck or attacked by other patients. As a result of his investigations into the case the Portrane Medical Superintendent is satisfied that the allegations of ill-treatment against the staff are without foundation.

8. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF (Grangegorman). Male Nurse R.W. was off duty from the 25th November to the 3rd December with an injury to his back sustained when lifting a bed patient.

J.McM., domestic, was incapacitated from the 17th to the 23rd November with a sprained ankle sustained when off duty.

Female Attendant I.G. was off duty for one day with an injury to her left hand sustained when knocked to the floor by a patient on the 19th ultimo.

Female Attendant T.N. was off duty for one day as a result of being kicked in the stomach by a patient on the 29th ultimo.

Temporary Attendant R.B. was incapacitated for one day with an injury to her right ankle sustained when she slipped while on duty on the 30th November.

Nurse A.L. was incapacitated from the 1st to the 2nd instant with an injury to her right wrist, spine and right ankle sustained when she slipped while on duty.

Nurse J.H. was kicked on the left leg by a patient on the 22nd November, sustaining abrasions and swelling, and she has been off duty since the 26th November.

A number of other accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

9. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF (Portrane). A number of minor accidents to members of the staff at Portrane are reported which did not cause incapacity.

10. On the 18th ultimo I received the Minister's approval to the Architect's draft sketch plan for the New Treatment Unit at Grangegorman. With regard to the proposal to include an X-ray department in this building, the Minister stated that,

while he agreed with the provision of full X-ray facilities at Grangegorman, he was not prepared to approve of the inclusion of an X-ray department in the new unit in view of the need for economy and of the probable acquisition of the old St. Laurence's Hospital buildings by the Board within a reasonable time. Accordingly, the Minister considers that the planning of the New Unit should proceed on the lines already agreed without further alteration. The Board's Architect has been instructed accordingly.

11. I have received from Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, the final drawings for the mechanical and electrical services in the New Children's Division and No. 10 division at Portrane prepared by Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer. The Architect and the Consulting Engineer recommended that the contracts for the mechanical and electrical services should be placed with Messrs. McCann Ltd. and Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Ltd. respectively, on the basis of the Schedule of Rates submitted by these firms in respect of similar works which they are carrying out at present in the two new 124-bed units. I have adopted this recommendation subject to the consent of the Minister for Health.

12. The Minister for Health has approved the specification and bill of quantities for the New Stores Building at Grangegorman. I have asked the Architect and the Consulting Engineer to expedite submission of the final drawings for the mechanical and electrical services in this building.

13. Having consulted the Agricultural Committee, I accepted the tender of Messrs. Kennan & Sons Ltd., in the sum of £628 for the erection of a new implement shed at

Ballymastone Farm, being the lowest of five tenders received in response to public advertisement. The sum provided for this work in the current year's Annual Estimates was £240 only, but substantial changes in the plans were found necessary since the Estimate was prepared in December last.

14. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have accepted the following tenders for farm requirements, being the lowest received in each case, viz. :—

PAUL & VINCENT LTD. for 50 tons 35% super-phosphate at £9 10s. 0d. per ton, ex-store.

C. TENNANT & CO., LTD. for 8 tons 48% sulphate of potash at £23 3s. 6d. per ton, ex-store.

JOSEPH McGINNITY, Dundalk, for 45 tons 50% muriate of potash at £16 10s. 0d. per ton delivered.

M. McDONNELL (Abbeyleix), Ltd. for 100 tons sugar beet pulp at £16 10s. 0d. per ton nett.

W. H. LAMBE & CO., LTD. for 4 tons Epicure seed potatoes at £26 per ton.

MAJOR V. F. CHANCE, Donegal, for 8 tons of Home-guard seed potatoes at £14 15s. 0d. per ton delivered.

JAMES McDONNELL, Drogheda, for 30 tons baled straw at £3 14s. 0d. a ton delivered.

15. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Cooney & Co., Ltd., Drogheda, for 90 tons of gas coke at £6 17s. 6d. per ton delivered Portrane, and on the recommendation of the Clerk of Works I have accepted the same firm's tender for 100 tons of house coal (Whitehaven) at £6 9s. 6d. a ton delivered Grangegorm, being the lowest tender received in each case.

16. As part of the scheme for the centralisation of the heating and hot water services at Grangegorman it was intended to provide new feed water pumps for the steam boilers. Mr. Sean Mulcahy, Consulting Engineer, has, however, advised me that the present pumps are in very bad condition and on his recommendation I have ordered a new set from the manufacturers, Messrs. G. & J. Weir, Ltd., Glasgow, at the price of £734.

17. The Royal Medico Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland will hold their Annual General Meeting in Dublin during the second week of July 1955 under the Presidency of our Chief R.M.S. At the request of the Hon. Secretary of the Organising Committee for the Irish Division, I have agreed that the Board will provide a buffet luncheon for members of the Association and their wives at Grangegorman on Wednesday, 13th July, immediately before the President's address.

18. On the 14th May last I reported to the Board on a suggestion made by the Visiting Members to Grangegorman that blankets used in the Board's Hospital should bear a distinctive marking. It is necessary to order blankets now and I have approved of a proposal of the Storekeeper that a two-inch coloured stripe should be woven the full length of the blanket on one side at a cost of 1/- per blanket. It is intended that a blue mark will be used for the male departments and a pink mark for the female departments. It will be appreciated that it will be a considerable number of years before the institution is fully stocked with blankets marked in this fashion.

19. The Estimates Meeting of the Board must be held on Thursday, 13th January, and I would recommend that the monthly meeting of the Board be brought forward by one week to that date and that, as usual, a meeting of the Board (sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board) be held on Thursday, 6th January, to consider the draft Estimates.

20. I have authorised the usual Christmas extras for patients and staff and gratuities for working patients. An extra cinema performance will be given in each hospital around Christmas.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

16th December, 1954.

21. Since 10th ultimo 38 male and 46 female patients were admitted, total 84. Seventy-eight of these were chargeable patients, of whom 38 were Temporary, 24 were Voluntary and 16 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted 2 Private Temporary Patients, one by order of Minister for Justice and three for special treatment from Cork, Killarney and Mullingar Mental Hospitals, under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

22. With reference to the Inspection carried out by the Portrane Visiting Committee on 29th November, I have to report :—

Item 3. While it would be desirable to have a smaller number of semi-refractory patients in No. 2 Female Division, it should be noted that the division was designed to accomodate 156.

Item 4. The painting of No. 1 Female Division Dayroom has been deleted from the proposed list of works for 1955/56 and the paint work will be freshened up by washing, where possible.

Ordinarily the potatoes are of average size but when large ones are included, they are cooked separately. Peeled potatoes are supplied to the Hospital wards and to divisions where patients are not capable of peeling them. Generally speaking, the patients prefer potatoes cooked without peeling. The quantity of potatoes cooked each day is kept to a minimum to avoid waste.

Item 5. The Chief Engineer reports that it is not possible to obtain thermostatically controlled irons suitable for direct current.

Item 7. Instructions have been given for the repair of the roof over No. 7 Male Division.

Item 9. Some ceilings in sanitary annexes are soiled owing to percolation from overhead. The floors in virtually all these annexes would need to be relaid in terazzo and it has been the practice to provide for one each year in the Estimate for Special Works. No provision for this work has been made in the Estimate for the coming year.

23. One tender only was received for the supply of turkeys (about 1,600 lbs.) for Christmas dinners for patients and staff, viz. : Carton Bros., Ltd, at 5/3d. per lb. Special efforts were made to obtain a lower quotation but without success and I had no option but to accept this tender. The corresponding price in 1953 was 2/10½d. per lb. and in 1952, 4/9d. per lb.

24. The recent severe gales and rain caused considerable damage to roofs and gutters at Grangegorman. Part of the No. 4 Division Temporary Buildings still occupied by patients was badly damaged. A large part of the roof was stripped and the patients had to be removed to a room in the Male Visiting Hall, where they will have to remain until the new building is ready. The Clerk of Works has found it necessary to employ extra temporary staff to make good the general damage to the Institution but it is not yet possible to estimate the total cost.

JOHN P. KEANE,
Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 19. Approved.

Par. 24. The Board compliments the staff concerned for their prompt action in dealing with the emergency in No. 4 division.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 223.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

RE 1955-56 ESTIMATE AND DEMAND.

The accompanying tables regarding the calculation of the sums set out in the statutory estimate and demand of the Board are furnished for the information of members of the Board, *but these tables do not form an integral portion of the statutory estimate and demand.*

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TABLE 1.
 Showing the Daily Average Number of Patients resident in the Hospital
 from each County from 1931.

Year ended	SUB-DIVISION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT				Criminal Lunatics	Non-District	TOTAL
	City of Dublin	Co. Dublin	Co. Wick-low	Co. Louth			
31 Mar. 1931 ...	2,217	706	296	329	73	—	3,711
" 1932 ...	2,576	444	310	334	75	—	3,739
" 1933 ...	2,601	461	313	341	77	—	3,793
" 1934 ...	2,683	474	322	249	79	—	3,807
" 1935 ...	2,718	487	317	1	75	—	3,598
" 1936 ...	2,715	499	320	—	72	—	3,606
" 1937 ...	2,726	494	331	—	71	—	3,622
" 1938 ...	2,700	503	323	—	71	—	3,597
" 1939 ...	2,737	518	324	—	69	3	3,651
" 1940 ...	2,728	520	314	—	70	10	3,642
" 1941 ...	2,700	516	312	—	66	4	3,658
" 1942 ...	2,703	504	306	—	66	7	3,586
" 1943 ...	2,584	474	284	—	62	6	3,410
" 1944 ...	2,501	453	280	—	56	3	3,293
" 1945 ...	2,507	450	272	—	57	4	3,290
" 1946 ...	2,531	458	279	—	55	8	3,331
" 1947 ...	2,627	477	281	—	53	14	3,352
" 1948 ...	2,458	469	267	—	55	33	3,302
" 1949 ...	2,524	475	291	—	54	22	3,366
" 1950 ...	2,577	493	306	—	50	15	3,441
" 1951 ...	2,641	493	322	—	49	19	3,524
" 1952 ...	2,633	506	330	—	50	15	3,533
" 1953 ...	2,691	528	334	—	51	16	3,620
" 1954 ...	2,822	497	337	—	49	25	3,730
Nos. resident during 7 months ended 31st October, 1954	2,850	508	340	—	47	21	3,766

TABLE 2.
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE AND DEMAND.

	Present Estimate, 1955-56	Last Estimate, 1954-55
Estimated Debit Balance at commencement of year	£	£
Estimated Expenditure as per Table 3 ...	£754,112	£727,420
	754,112	727,420
Less Estimated Receipts other than for Paying Patients from contributing areas ...	36,000	34,500
	£718,112	£692,920
	£	£
Estimated Credit Balance at commencement of year	36,405	12,742
Estimated Receipts from Paying Patients from contributing areas	44,300	39,500
	£80,705	£52,242
DIFFERENCE BEING AMOUNT OF NET DEMAND	£637,407	£640,678
Net Decrease £3,271		

TABLE 3.—EXPENDITURE.

Actual Expenditure, 1931-32	Actual Expenditure, 1932-33	Actual Expenditure, 1933-34	Head of Service.	Present Estimate 1935-36	Last Estimate 1934-35	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
109,361	126,736	139,274	Food, Drink and Tobacco ...	141,000	141,000	—	—
67,813	71,904	77,572	Farm Expenses ...	80,190	81,200	—	1,010
2,244	2,293	2,593	Materials for Washing or Cleansing ...	2,500	2,500	—	—
8,739	7,354	6,710	Medicines ...	7,000	6,000	1,000	—
79,388	59,217	53,152	Heating, Lighting and Water Supply ...	56,000	61,000	—	5,000
48,519	38,271	42,966	Clothing and Bedding ...	42,000	42,000	—	—
6,770	7,432	9,153	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware ...	9,000	10,000	—	1,000
7,851	2,794	2,396	Medical and Surgical Appliances ...	2,500	2,500	—	—
231,899	241,533	263,097	Salaries and Wages ...	300,250	369,500	36,750	—
—	—	—	Fees to authorized Medical Officers ...	3,000	—	3,000	—
34,102	36,377	35,157	Superannuations ...	34,000	35,500	—	1,500
20,382	22,852	25,356	Structural Alterations, repairs and main- tenance ...	24,112	25,320	—	1,208
3,139	3,148	3,316	Stationery, Printing and Advertising ...	3,500	3,000	500	—
3,963	4,131	4,342	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	4,600	4,500	100	—
537	345	325	Re-afforestation of Portrane ...	300	200	100	—
7,919	8,561	10,361	Miscellaneous Expenses ...	11,200	11,000	200	—
120	309	1,049	Maintenance in Other Mental Hospitals ...	200	200	—	—
—	—	—	Cost of Conveyance ...	700	—	700	—
13,932	13,273	15,560	Loan Charges ...	32,000	32,000	—	—
5647,114	5646,332	5692,429	TOTAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE ...	5754,112	5727,420	526,692	—

TABLE 4--RECEIPTS.

Actual Receipts, 1951-52.	Actual Receipts, 1952-53	Actual Receipts, 1953-54		Present Estimate 1955-56	Last Estimate 1954-55	Comparison.	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£	RECEIPTS FOR PAYING PATIENTS:--	£	£	£	£
29,992	29,902	34,276	(a) City of Dublin Account ...	34,000	29,000	4,500	—
7,523	7,466	11,058	(b) Co. Dublin Account ...	7,000	7,000	—	—
2,702	3,758	3,908	(c) Co. Wicklow Account ...	3,300	3,000	300	—
40,217	41,026	49,242	TOTAL FOR PATIENTS FROM CONTRIBUTING AREA ...	44,300	39,500	4,800	—
3,619	3,745	4,144	(d) Criminal Lunatic Service Patients ...	3,500	3,500	—	—
4,333	5,071	5,254	(e) Criminal Lunatics ...	5,000	5,000	—	—
2,823	2,978	4,206	(f) Non-District Patients ...	3,000	2,500	500	—
50,992	52,820	62,846	TOTAL FOR PAYING PATIENTS ...	55,800	50,500	5,300	—
7,289	8,549	11,641	Farm Account Sales ...	9,000	8,000	1,000	—
296	578	335	Sale of Official and Old Stores ...	300	400	—	100
331	816	610	Interest Allowed by Treasurer ...	—	—	—	—
216	358	182	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	200	200	—	—
9,627	9,569	10,385	Superannuation Contributions ...	10,000	9,800	200	—
5,400	5,339	4,352	Deductions from Salaries and Wages ...	5,000	5,100	—	100
£74,451	£78,029	£90,351	TOTAL ...	£80,300	£74,000	£6,300	—

TABLE 3.

Apportionment of Estimate and Demand for 1955-56 and Comparison with last Estimate.

	City of Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	TOTALS
	£	£	£	£
ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCES AT 31st MARCH, 1955 ...	—	—	—	—
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1955-56 ...	581,184	103,594	69,334	754,112
	581,184	103,594	69,334	754,112
Less—Receipts for Service Patients, Criminal Lunatics, Non-District Patients and Other Miscellaneous Revenue Receipts ...	27,745	4,945	3,310	36,000
NET DEBITS ...	553,439	98,649	66,024	718,112
ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE AT 31st MARCH, 1955 ...	27,771	5,401	3,233	36,405
Estimated Receipts for Patients credited direct to Contributing Councils for 1955-56 ...	34,000	7,000	3,300	44,300
NET CREDITS ...	61,771	12,401	6,533	80,705
DIFFERENCE, BEING NET DEMAND FOR 1955-56 ...	491,668	86,248	59,491	637,407
CORRESPONDING DEMAND, 1954-55 ...	505,229	77,389	58,080	640,678
COMPARISON ...	Decrease £13,561	Increase £8,859	Increase £1,431	Decrease £3,271

TABLE 6
BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES.

Extract from Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

Section 43 (4). "Where a mental hospital district consists of a county borough and one or more administrative counties, the sum required to defray the expenses incurred by the mental hospital authority for the district during every year ending on the 31st day of March shall be supplied by the corporation of such borough and the council of such county or the councils of such counties severally in proportion to the net cost of maintenance, determined by the prescribed method, of the chargeable patients from their respective functional areas maintained by the mental hospital authority during such year, and the proportionate part of that sum of such council of a county or of each such council of a county shall be raised by means of the poor rate equally over the whole of the county."

The net cost of maintenance of the chargeable patients is determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 105 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

It is impossible to determine in advance the average numbers who will actually be chargeable against each county during the ensuing financial year and for the purpose of apportioning the estimate and demand the latest available figures are taken as a basis, viz., the average numbers resident during the seven months ended 31st October, 1954, which were as follows:—

City of Dublin ...	...	2,850
County Dublin ...	...	508
County Wicklow ...	...	340
		<u>3,698*</u>

*Excluding non-district patients, and criminal lunatics.

On this basis the following table shows the ratio in which the estimated expenses are apportioned against each contributing county compared with last year:—

		1955-56	1954-55	Comparison	
		Estimate	Estimate	Increase	Decrease
City of Dublin ...	...	77.069%	77.078%	—	.009%
County Dublin ...	...	13.737%	3.682%	.055%	—
County Wicklow	...	9.194%	9.240%	—	.046%

TABLE 7.

DETAILS OF ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS,
ETC.

Materials (only) for ordinary maintenance of buildings, plant and machinery,
and for structural and engineering repairs:—

		£
GRANGEGORMAN	...	2,500
PORTRANE	...	2,500

Provision for special works, as detailed at foot:—

GRANGEGORMAN	...	11,410
PORTRANE	...	7,702
		24,112

Corresponding amount in 1954/55 25,320

Decrease £1,208

GRANGEGORMAN.

PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL WORKS DURING 1955/56.

	£
(1) Internal and external painting	3,500
(2) Redecoration of Employees' houses	200
(3) External pointing	450
(4) Roof repairs, gutters and R. W. pipes	300
(5) Annual cleaning of heating boilerhouses	80
(6) Concrete path replacement	200
(7) Road resurfacing	750
(8) Ceiling renewals and wall replastering	200
(9) Temporary plumber and helper for miscellaneous plumbing repairs	200
(10) Temporary fitter and helper for miscellaneous engineering repairs	200
(11) Electrical repairs and alterations	570
(12) Sooting and cleaning boiler flues, economisers and bakery ovens	400
(13) Labour attending staff tradesmen on miscellaneous repairs	100
(14) Marne Villas and Stanhope Terrace: replastering to external walls	290
(15) Replacement of floor in No. 6 division	80
(16) Santry Court: repairs to boundary walls	300
(17) New roof and alterations to cabbage house, Male Kitchen	100
(18) Male Nurses' Mess Kitchen, new ceiling and roof repairs	200
(19) Office for Charge Nurse in No. 27 Division	50
(20) Grangegorman Villas: repairing garden walls	100
(21) Cleaning gutters	80
(22) Repairs to and replacements of defective steam mains and fittings	200
(23) Replacement of defective metal windows in No. 23 division	160
(24) New bed repairing workshop (adjacent Mattress Shop)	200
(25) Alterations to front hall and offices of annexe	500
(26) Provision for contingencies	2,000
TOTAL	£11,410

Corresponding amount in 1954/55 Estimates ...£11,880

PORTRANE.

PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL WORKS DURING 1955/56.

	£
(1) Internal and External Painting	1,654
(2) Fitting hot plates Nos. 6 and 7 Male and Female Divisions	440
(3) Construction of office and store for Works Foreman ...	150
(4) Repairs to and re-surfacing roadways	548
(5) Concreting pathways to houses Nos. 19-24	30
(6) Providing bathrooms in six houses Nos. 12-18	480
(7) Fencing Sports field and fitting new gates	300
(8) Replacing water meters	60
(9) Covering tables in No. 5 Male Division diningroom ...	50
(10) Repairs to heating services	200
(11) Insulating of steam and condense mains	200
(12) Repairs to roof and cleaning gutters	120
(13) Cleaning boilers and septic tanks	250
(14) Purchase of floor cleaners and polishers	300
(15) Vacuum cleaning outfit for boilers and chimneys ...	100
(16) Replacing farm gates	45
(17) Repair to farm gutters and cleaning roofs	160
(18) Fencing reclaimed ground	300
(19) Erection of manure shed and sheeting side of potting shed	40
(20) Repairs to General Dininghall windows and refitting blinds	75
(21) Provisions for contingencies	2,200
Total	£7,702
Corresponding amount in 1954/55 Estimates	£8440

TABLE 8.

DETAILS OF " MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES."

	Present Estimate, 1955-56	Last Estimate 1954-55
	£	£
Outdoor Sports and Pastimes	1,000	1,000
Indoor Games and Amusements	50	50
Excursions	350	350
Newspapers and Periodicals—Grangegorman	500	500
Do. Portrane	300	300
Library Books and Pictures	50	50
Cinematograph Performances	850	1,000
Postage	500	500
Telephone Service (including Telegrams)— Grangegorman	800	850
Do. Portrane	200	250
Maintenance Contracts, Internal Tele- phones	600	650
Extermination of Rats	50	50
Provision for Hospital and Sanatorium charges	1,400	1,200
G. N. Railway. Omnibus subsidy	400	400
Regulating Clocks, Weighing Machines, Musical Instruments, etc.	300	270
Burials	100	100
Travelling Expenses of Committee and Staff, Expenses of transfer of Patients to and from Portrane, allowances to Discharged Patients, Expenses Recapturing Escaped Patients, and Cash Gratuities to Special Working Patients	1,500	1,500
Law Costs (ordinary)	500	500
Sundry Purchases, including Church Requi- rements, which cannot be classified under ordinary heads of expenditure	600	500
Window Cleaning, Grangegorman	150	300
Stamp duty on Paying Orders	400	300
Collection of Refuse	500	100
Repairs to radios	160	230
TOTAL ..	£11,260	£10,950

TABLE 9.

Table showing Daily Average Number of Patients Resident, and Average Annual Expenditure "per patient" for last ten years.

Year	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident	AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE "PER PATIENT"	
		Excluding Repayment of Loans	Including Repayment of Loans
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1944-45	3,290	105 14 10	113 6 8
1945-46	3,331	109 16 5	115 18 6
1946-47	3,352	109 3 6	115 0 5
1947-48	3,302	147 11 0	152 19 2
1948-49	3,366	145 17 2	150 12 7
1949-50	3,441	139 3 11	143 0 2
1950-51	3,524	154 9 9	158 3 4
1951-52	3,533	172 11 7	176 10 5
1952-53	3,620	167 19 5	171 12 9
1953-54	3,730	174 1 6	178 4 11
Last Estimate 1954-55	3,750	179 3 7	187 14 3
Present Estimate	3,800	£183 11 8	£192 0 1

The average expenditure per patient is based on the gross Revenue Expenditure of each year, less receipts from farm and garden sales, old stores and miscellaneous receipts.

In arriving at same no deduction is made in respect of receipts for paying Patients, "service patients" or criminal lunatics.

Comparison of Proposed Net Demand with the Actual Demands on Each County Council since 1934-35.

		City Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	Total	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident
		£	£	£	£	
1934-35	(Actual Demand)	116,736	31,003	14,027	161,766	3,596
1935-36	"	128,351	22,767	15,230	166,348	3,606
1936-37	"	140,294	26,229	16,821	183,344	3,622
1937-38	"	162,264	23,375	19,937	197,576	3,597
1938-39	"	166,342	31,779	20,203	218,324	3,651
1939-40	"	172,207	32,992	21,206	226,405	3,642
1940-41	"	200,544	39,019	22,782	262,345	3,658
1941-42	"	224,090	39,974	25,434	289,489	3,586
1942-43	"	218,450	40,006	25,334	283,790	3,410
1943-44	"	292,426	51,632	31,131	375,189	3,293
1944-45	"	280,753	46,336	31,093	358,182	3,290
1945-46	"	269,456	45,020	27,985	342,461	3,331
1946-47	"	259,100	47,124	31,602	337,826	3,352
1947-48	"	319,618	61,909	35,239	416,766	3,302
1948-49	"	367,492	71,051	45,835	484,378	3,366
1949-50	"	403,849	73,716	48,061	525,626	3,441
1950-51	"	350,423	66,707	41,949	459,079	3,534
1951-52	"	433,013	76,234	52,180	561,427	3,533
1952-53	"	448,363	87,959	62,715	599,027	3,620
1953-54	"	465,347	89,257	55,385	609,989	3,730
1954-55	Actual Demand	505,229	77,389	58,060	640,678	3,766 (a)
1955-56	Proposed Demand	£491,668	£86,248	£59,491	£637,407	3,800 (b)

(a) Average for 7 months ended 31st October, 1954.

(b) Estimated figures for Financial Year 1955-56.

